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Rodney Abbott leads a weekly poetry discussion group at the West Paris Library.

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Lifelong educator Rod Abbott models an active retirement

BY AMY CHAPMAN

When West Paris native Rodney Abbott retired from teaching high school English and history in 2001, his career as an educator was far from over.

In fact, he took just one semester off before he was back in the classroom. For the past 13 years, he has taught a survey course in U.S. history to students at the University of Maine's centers in Mexico and South Paris.

It all adds up to more than a half-century of classroom experience, but a great deal of Abbott's teaching also takes place outside of the traditional classroom.

He leads a discussion of poetry on Wednesday evenings at the West Paris Library, sharing his knowledge and lifelong love of poetry with a dedicated and enthusiastic group.

For several years, while still teaching full-time at Telstar, he also taught Elderhostel courses at the Sunday River Inn. So many of the participants returned time after time that he had to come up with new course offerings each year.

"I taught a class on New England poets, one on Teddy Roosevelt, and one on the Civil War," he said, adding that he was often humbled by the educational and professional See Abbott, Page 3

Hanover shows little fire for withdrawal

BY ALISON ALOISIO

"I don't hear any energy in this room to form a committee to withdraw."

That was Hanover selectman Dick Stratton's assessment after an hour long informational meeting on the possibility of looking into withdrawing from RSU 10.

The first indication of that conclusion was the turnout - only a half dozen people besides the select-

board attended.

The meeting was called after selectmen heard complaints about the increase in taxes in recent years, stemming largely from townspeople's choice in 2009 to join RSU 10.

Hanover's school budget share as a member of RSU 10 for 2015 is \$346,831, up from \$276,374. The town has been using carry-forward money from a bal-

ance it had accumulated in its education fund to reduce district taxes in recent years.

Hanover joined RSU 10 under school consolidation, after having been independent and tuitioning its students to SAD 43, 44 and Gould Academy.

The consolidation agreement called for the additional local costs portion of the district budget to be

equalized over time, with all towns paying for the costs based 25 percent on the number of students and 75 percent on the property valuation of each town.

"The historic costs would be held constant for three years, and then the full formula would be phased in over the next five year phase-in. As a result the

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Greenwood calls a special Town Meeting

BY ALISON ALOISIO

Greenwood selectmen Tuesday scheduled a special Town Meeting for 6 p.m. March 3 at the Town Office to authorize the purchase of a used fire truck.

The current 1982 pumper truck recently failed its pumper test. Fire Chief Al Curtis has been researching possible used trucks to purchase. He found that a truck from New Hampshire that he originally expressed interest in has some problems, so he is looking at other vehicles, according to town officials.

The officials do not want to wait for the annual Town Meeting in May to propose the truck purchase because the loss of the truck impacts fire protection.

The warrant article asks to appropriate up to \$35,000 from the Fire Department Reserve Account to purchase a used truck. The Fire Department Reserve Account Balance is \$41,730, according to the warrant.

The estimate to repair the 1982 Seagrave engine repair is \$36,491.

The town has another pumper truck at the station in Greenwood City. Neighboring town fire departments have been notified of the situation in order to better cover for Greenwood.

The registrar of voters will be available at the Greenwood Town Office beginning at 5 p.m. to check in and register voters.

Update on SAD 44 TIF grant

BY AMY CHAPMAN

At last week's School Board meeting, Scott Harrison, Executive Director of Maine Schools for Excellence, and Jane Blais, TIF 4 Professional Development Coordinator, gave an update on the first two years of the Teachers' Incentive Fund grant in which SAD 44 is participating.

Harrison said the multi-year process provides op-

portunities for teachers and administrators to take on leadership roles, and the TIF grant funding allows them to be compensated for the additional time they devote to supporting their coworkers and helping to develop a system of evaluation, recognition, and rewards.

"SAD 44 has had a greater percentage of staff involved in professional development than any other district participating in the program,"

Harrison said. "You distribute the leadership, distribute the knowledge across your organization, and empower your teachers and leaders."

"You have 70 teachers in this district, and you have 70 peer observers. Everyone is taking on that role," Harrison said.

Blais said teachers have reported that the peer observer component, in which teachers share their observations of each other's work in the

classroom, is one of the most beneficial aspects of the program.

"And that's a part that doesn't even cost anything extra," she added.

"Right now there are probably 25 teachers involved in a leadership role in some way in this district, pushing the ball forward on effective teaching practices," said Murphy.

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BIRD FEEDER FEEDER

This saw what owl has been a recent visitor to Brooks Morton's bird feeders in Newry, but not for the seeds. The bird hides under the deck near the feeders, said Morton. "The mice are easy picking when they scurry out of the stone wall to gather the dropped seeds," he said. Here the bird perches in a nearby apple tree.

Brooks Morton

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Letters

SEWER BILLING ISSUE GOES ON

To the Editor:

The controversy over Bethel's sewer rates, challenged by random interpretations of wording in the ordinance, continues. There is much to be concerned about. When asked to interpret exactly what a "dwelling unit" is the town manager (and those in residence before), the code enforcement officer and virtually all selectmen agree it is open to interpretation.

As such, some are being charged while others are not - clearly an unfair practice open to challenge both in enforcement and legally.

The definition is clearly open to interpretation and should apply to virtually everyone served by the town's sewer service. "A dwelling unit" is "any part of a structure which, through sale or lease, is intended for human habitation, including single-family and multi-family housing, condominiums, apartments and time-share units." The latter are examples of such dwelling units, not a definitive list so it becomes a matter of what is part of a structure intended for "human habitation." Well, every bed and breakfast room is intended for human habitation, so the Chapman Inn with its 10 rooms and 30-person dorm is a B&B intended for "human habitation," as is the Bethel Village Motel (Bethel Spa) with its 10 rooms intended for "human habitation" or the Bethel Inn Resort with its 160 rooms intended for "human habitation." Anyone in Bethel served by the sewer district can and should be charged for each room intended for human habitation. And let's not forget Gould Academy's three dormitory buildings which serve students who certainly live in "habitable" quarters, some singles, many doubles and several quads where they enjoy residency 9-10 months of the year, which buildings also serve many separate staff apartments, are not charged separately for each "unit." When pushed to define the true interpretation of this ordinance, all questioned agree that if appropriately applied, every unit in every motel, B&B, Inn, motel, in-law apartment, multi-family unit, studio, condominium unit, weekly, quarterly or otherwise time-share unit should and must be charged the same. This means that each time-share unit at the Bethel Inn Resort should be charged separately, in 52 week intervals, just like the rest of us! All questioned also agree this is to be "fairly and uniformly applied."

So how do the selectmen under the Sewer Ordinance base charges for sewer rate increases? Again, according to the ordinance, rates can be increased or assessed "based on water usage for each quarter immediately prior to the billing ... the charge shall be the higher of the two billing methods. If no water meter reading is available the minimum charge shall apply." Throughout our ordinance, and those of other municipalities researched, charges are all based on usage of water, the more in the more out. Those who use more water generate more sewage and should be charged more. Sounds simple until you review Bethel's usage rates, how they are applied and who uses more and who is charged more.

Unfortunately, there are many large users who are not affected by the current interpretation of the ordinance and are not "fairly" paying their appropriate rates. Rates are simply not based on any level of usage including water metering. For example, Gould Academy's dormitories generate some of the highest volumes of water use and sewage. Gehring Hall, Holden and Davidson all have a current sewage rates of approximately .08 per cubic foot for sewage. They generate average quarterly sewer usage of 18,450, 12,550, 21,500 cubic feet per quarter, respectively, and all are charged about the same, even though each dormitory room, apartment within the building should under the dwelling unit interpretation be charged a "minimum quarterly fee" just like other habitable units. By comparison, Ross Swan's building on lower Main St. prior to the implementation of the new interpretation will increase from a fee of .08/cf like Gould to a new rate of .38/cf because he happens to have six habitable units. Another comparison is our building called Hastings Suites (because Hastings once owned it) from a current fee of .22/cf to an increased rate of \$1.10/cf. In 20 years of ownership we have never exceeded the minimum usage except for one spring when I had the building power washed! There are many other gross fee challenges available. The rates are simply not fairly applied.

Somewhat in all of this Bethel's selectmen have also overlooked all motels, B&B's, the Bethel Inn Resort, the Bethel Spa Motel, the Holiday House, etc. that should be affected by these new interpretations of the ordinance. All have water meters that determine the amount of water used and subsequently the amount of waste invoiced. Again, if fairly applied, which is why many of us are drawing others to understand this issue, many more are and will be subjected to this new interpretation. There is discussion of changing the ordinance to be more fairly applied, one that is certain to bring an increase in rates to hopefully all rather than targeting a couple of us with units already paying more than our fair share. Let's hope everyone who uses more will pay more, as a source of justification.

The selectmen have agreed to host a public meeting on this Sewer Ordinance on Monday, Feb. 23 at 7 p.m. It is imperative that all who are or should be concerned about this attend to voice your concerns. They are listening and hopefully will make adjustments to the few who are already paying for the many who to date have not been charged.

Regretfully submitted,

Bob Laux

Hasting Suites and Wild River Realty, Bethel

MORTON ON LAND USE

To the Editor:

Since I'm asking Newry voters to re-elect me as a selectman, I want them to know my views on a very important town matter that affects all of us, land use.

I respect the right of any property owner and fully support the premise that we all have a right to do what we want to do with our property. I also understand the Town of Newry's legal obligation to maintain ordinances that protect the natural resources within its political boundaries. Reaching a compromise with these conflicting rights in a professional, open and equal process, is paramount to fair governance in a civil society.

I believe that every landowner should expect to be held to the same standards as all others when seeking approval for a plan or permit. Regardless of the legal ownership status, be it an individual, a corporation, a profit or non-profit organization, all property owners are expected to reconcile their rights with the rights of the community through that town's local land use ordinances.

It is my hope that all landowners respect and abide by the rules and regulations of the Town of Newry knowing that they will meet with impartial and equal treatment under our ordinances.

Hats off to the many dedicated Planning Board and community members past and present that have made this process as painless as possible. The steps we have to take to put an addition on our home, change an existing use or subdivide lots are now a clear and simplified process. It's a pain for all of us, nonetheless, a pill we all have to swallow.

I wish to thank the retiring members of the planning board for their dedicated service. David Walker, Pat Roma and Susan Herlihy have brought the planning board to a new level of professionalism by their exemplary service to the Town of Newry and to all who appeared before the board. The hours spent in thoughtful debate and intelligent resolve resulted in amendments to our ordinances that have made them consistent and user-friendly. The wisdom they brought to the process will surely be missed. The members that will sit in your chairs have big shoes to fill but you have left a clear path to follow. Although your names may never be credited for the many details of your contributions, future Planning Board members and landowners will forever be grateful for your work.

Brooks Morton
Newry

RE-ELECT MORTON

To the Editor:

This letter is to endorse "Brooksie" Morton for Newry Selectman on March 20 - or before by absentee ballot. Brooksie is tenacious in his love for the town of Newry. He has spent the better part of his life watching and helping his town grow and change over the years, always being a resilient fighter for the local residents and the special places in our area. Over the last three years as a Selectman, he has worked tirelessly to update and bring the town's various ordinances, bylaws, and policies into compliance with statutes. The town is much better off functionally and legally since his tenure. He doesn't just show up for two hours every other week; for the meetings, he spends hours researching and working with the town office to try to make the town a better place.

Brooksie has no corporate agenda nor special interests pushing his passion for the town, just a sincere interest in keeping government local, free of outside influences, and as transparent as possible.

Please vote for Brooksie Morton.

Doug Webster
Newry

REC BASKETBALL THANKS

To the Editor:

What a wonderful rec basketball program we have in our community. Since the middle of December, my son, along with many other students from grade K to 6 have been learning skills and the fundamentals of basketball. They have also had the opportunity to be part of a team and participate in games.

None of this would have been possible without the organization and dedication of Mike Pelletier. Mike, along with his assistants Ryan Kimball and Matt Zinchuck have been at Crescent Park School on Saturday mornings this winter helping to teach the kids about the game of basketball. They not only coach the young, but they have also dedicated their time to the basketball program at Telstar High School. They are always enthusiastic and encouraging to the students. They make each and every player feel special and they work hard to teach the kids about teamwork.

Special thanks also go out to the high school basketball players from Telstar who came Saturday mornings to help coach the players as well. All of the young players were divided into teams and the high school players have been there to coach and mentor the players. To see the smiles on the faces of the kids and the high school players is priceless. I, along with many other parents, appreciate the time they have spent with the kids. So, thank you Zac Wheeler, Blake Rothwell, Brandon Dougherty, Jeremiah Richardson, Jarrett Bean, Zach Stone, Avry Griffin, Maverik Griffin, Cameron Pike, Tanner Wheeler and Becca Howard, for your time, dedication and the enthusiasm you have shown to our area youth. Becca has also helped to organize the kids at halftime of the high school games so the kids could play in front of their parents and a larger crowd. I apologize if I forgot anyone. You are all wonderful role models for our kids. Again, thank you Mike, for your time and dedication to basketball and our community of kids. The memories and lessons that these kids have made and learned will last a lifetime.

The last day for rec basketball is Saturday, Feb. 21 at Crescent Park School. There will be a skills competition and many games to watch. Come support our community basketball program.

Erin Deprey
Newry

From your state representative

I've said it before: our state is failing—right now—too many victims of domestic violence. I have been tirelessly researching best practices from other states to adequately address this problem. As a member of the 127th Maine State Legislature, I have a moral obligation to identify the shortcomings of our current judicial system, and to propose meaningful legislation for a solution.

I was honored to participate in a press conference last week which brought together the domestic violence advocacy community in Maine in order to recognize the importance of preventing teen dating violence. I have been pleased to see the bipartisan support for several initiatives surrounding this complex issue, and look forward to continuing my efforts on behalf of too many families who feel forgotten about.

Last Friday, I joined Gov. Paul LePage to discuss my proposed bill. I left the meeting feeling pleased with the support I have received, and look forward to leaving my mark on the 127th Maine Legislature through domestic violence prevention. While there is more work to be done, I am encouraged by the determination of so many advocates across our state to speak out against domestic violence. I believe that over time, we can stop domestic violence offenders in their tracks, through outreach, education, training, and a responsive judicial system.

This mission is too important to ignore. There are countless women—and men—in every neighborhood in Maine who are struggling to get out of a bad situation at home. I have already submitted legislation with the intent of encouraging additional attendance at batterer intervention programs, which have shown to be tremendously successful in breaking the cycle of domestic violence around the nation. In addition, I support the development of stricter sentences for prison terms for offenders who do not comply with the recommendations of the courts.

Forty-eight-week Batterer Intervention Programs are targeted at people who use abusive behaviors, and serve to teach healthy relationship skills to replace tactics of abuse. The Maine Department of Corrections oversees this program, and offenders are referred by courts, probation, and the Department of Health and Human Services. This training provides the opportunity to take responsibility for their own behavior. Anyone seeking more information in Oxford County can be referred to the BJP Coordinator at 207-795-6744 ext 21.

I have compiled (below) several important numbers for my constituents. Please take a few moments to consider how a life can be changed by one simple phone call to an advocate.

Respectfully submitted,
Frances Mills Head
State Representative

Safe Voices 24-hour, toll-free, confidential hotline (Domestic Violence) 800-559-2927; Adult Protective Services 800-624-8404; Child Protective Services 800-452-1999; State-Wide Crisis for Mental Health 888-568-1112; Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Services 800-871-7741; Safe Voices (Sharon Lewis) 207-795-6736; Meals on Wheels / Seniors Plus 800-427-1241; Legal Services for the Elderly 800-750-5353.

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Many are choosing to pursue National Board for Professional Teaching Standards certification.

Harrison said that, nationally, only about three percent of educators are National Board certified.

"The National Board has become the gold standard for certification," he said, "Higher standards in teachers and leaders mean higher learning for students."

Murphy said that in his 31 years with SAD 44, he knows of only two district teachers who had previously attained National Board certification.

"And right now, we have 18 people participating in the initial stages of [becoming certified]," he said. "That says so much about the commitment of our teachers and principals."

Our Back Pages

BY DANNA BROWN
NICKERSON

10 years ago: More than 25 participants built sleds using only cardboard and duct tape for the Mt. Abram ShoBox Derby.

Prof. McKay Jenkins presented a program on the history of the U.S. Army's 10th Mountain Division at Bingham Hall.

Births: Rory Keenan MacDormand, Kyleigh Rae Smith.

Deaths: Ruth H. Hersey, Ann Lord Bonney, Michael S. Boucher, Lena Mae Buck.

20 years ago: Members of the Greenstock Snow Sports presented Beulah Staples with a plaque in recognition of the help she had given the club.

Gail Giarrusso opened a photography gallery in her home across from the Sunday River Inn.

Birth: Althea-Jean Cary.

30 years ago: The cost of first class postage increased to 22¢ and the cost for postal cards increased to 14¢.

Heidi Belanger, Andover, and Mike Kelly, Bethel, were the overall winners in the Stan Fox Cup citizens' cross-country race at Sunday River Ski Touring Center.

Birth: Emily Brown Gauthier.

Deaths: Mrs. Ruth Carver Ames, John S. Hicks, Sr., I. Fulton White, Mrs. Meona B. Curtis, Mrs. Hazel S. Maxson.

40 years ago: The Music and Drama Department of Gould Academy presented the Gilbert and Sullivan operetta "Trial by Jury."

Early Real Estate held a grand opening in its newly redecorated offices in the former quarters of the Bethel Savings Bank.

Birth: Erika Jean Lamarre.

Death: Mrs. Bertha Burris.

50 years ago: Several members of the Explorer Troop 140 of Locke's Mills camped out at South Pond.

An Après Ski Cabaref was being planned to take place at the Locke's Mills town hall to benefit the Mt. Abram Ski Club.

Deaths: Merle L. Hinkle, Horace Mitchell, Fannie Holt Bartlett.

60 years ago: Philanthropist William Bingham, 2nd died at Miami Beach, Fla. His estate was estimated at over \$5,000,000.

Grover Brooks and son, Donald, spent several days in Boston attending the Hardware Show.

Deaths: William Bingham, 2nd, Charles H. Martin.

70 years ago: Gasoline stocks were reported low, and sales were limited to one coupon.

The Men's Farm Bureau held a demonstration of selective cutting and power chain saw on R.D. Hastings' woodlot. Fifteen men from various parts of Bethel were present.

Death: Jean François Richard.

80 years ago: F. Perley Flint won the eight-day distance fly castings competition at the Boston Sportsmen's Show. The average distance was better than 89 feet.

Ice harvested from Lake Christopher, Bryant Pond, was 26 inches thick.

Deaths: Morris Chase, A. Leslie McAllister.

90 years ago: Gould Academy called off its winter carnival on account of lack of snow and uncertain weather conditions.

Bethel town team, basketball, defeated Andover A.A. The score was 34-8.

Deaths: Albert Kenneth Davis, William R. Kimball, George W. Devine.

110 years ago: Mr. W.C. Bryant's new stable on Summer Street was nearing completion.

Mr. J.M. Bartlett was working for W.C. Holt at Indian Rock Camp, Halloway, getting timber ready for a log cabin to be built in the spring.

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King promotes clean energy initiative at Mt. Abram

BY AMY CHAPMAN

U.S. Senator Angus King visited Mt. Abram on Monday, praising the company as a leader in clean energy solutions to climate change.

Recent clean energy initiatives at Mt. Abram include a newly installed 803-panel solar field and a Maine Energy Systems wood pellet boiler, installed in 2011 to heat the temporary base lodge and a future permanent lodge and surrounding buildings.

Speaking at the ski area, King announced the introduction of new legislation to provide federal tax credits for biomass heating systems.

"There are tax credits, and have been for some years, for renewable technologies, to help people over that initial capital outlay, either commercial or residential, for solar, for small wind, for geothermal. Biomass wasn't on the table when that was created some years ago," King said.

Called the Biomass Thermal Utilization (BTU) Act, the proposed legislation, part of a comprehensive tax reform package, would award tax credits equal to about one third of installation costs of biomass systems to individuals and businesses.

King praised Mt. Abram as a leader in clean and renewable energy initiatives, citing, in addition to the solar and biomass projects, the ski area's high-efficiency snowmaking technology.

Mt. Abram had previously reduced its snowmaking energy usage through the installation of high-efficiency snowguns in 2010 and a new high-efficiency water pumping station in 2014. This winter, it became one of the first ski areas in North America to test a completely airless snowgun, which operates without a compressor unit or central compressed air system.

Use of the airless system, Mt. Abram General Manager Dave Scanlan said, could prevent an additional 400,000 pounds of carbon from being released into the atmosphere.

"The cheapest kilowatt/hour of electricity of all is the one you don't use, so you start with efficiency," said King.

"Then the other side of the equation is, where does it come from?"

Addressing climate change, he said, is both complicated and simple at the same time. Predicting the weather is the most complicated science there is.

"On the other hand, the thing that's so simple is, we've got to stop burning stuff, burning fossil fuel that's been locked in the earth for millions of years and releasing it into the atmosphere."

King, a member of the Senate Climate Action Task Force, shared a graph illustrating historic levels of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere. It shows a fluctuation between 180 and 300 parts per million over 800,000 years, then a steep increase over the past 150 years, to 400 parts per million today.

"We haven't had 400 parts per million of CO2 in the atmosphere for three million years," King said, "and the last time we had [this level] of CO2 in the atmosphere, the oceans were 60 feet higher."

"That should tell us something. I don't understand, frankly, why this has become a partisan political issue. It's science."

The cost of generating electricity through alternatives to fossil fuel has dropped dramatically, King said, pointing to a reduction in the cost of solar power of nearly 99 percent over the past 25 years.

"And as more and more people install these kinds



U.S. Senator Angus King takes a selfie with Natural Resources Council of Maine Clean Energy Director Dylan Voorhees (left) and Mt. Abram owners Rob Lally and Matt Hancock during a tour of clean energy initiatives at the ski area on Monday. A. Chapman

of facilities, it will create a mass market, which in turn will drive the price down further."

Wood pellets offer a renewable alternative to "taking carbon out of the ground that's been there a million years," King said.

"It's carbon that's being recycled, and trees absorb carbon out of the atmosphere. If they die out in the woods and rot, they put it back in. Instead of having that happen, we're turning them into pellets and using them for

an energy source. Wood pellets are really a carbon-neutral energy source, because of the way the cycle works."

"And now I'm going from the environment to the economy—it all comes from Maine. We don't have any oil here," King said. "But we do have this incredible supply of wood fiber. As one of the most forested states in the country, we are sitting on a gold mine of wood fiber. And turning it into pellets means that 100 percent of the money that these guys are spend-

ing for their energy stays in Maine. It doesn't go to North Dakota, or West Virginia, or Saudi Arabia."

"It's a tremendous win for the environment, as well as a win for our economy."

Following his remarks, King toured the solar project and the wood pellet boiler system, and got an up-close look at Mt. Abram's electric vehicle charging station and the airless snowmaking technology currently being tested on the mountain.

Abbott

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Rodney Abbott in his Telstar classroom in 1980. Submitted from the 1980 THIS Yearbook

backgrounds of many of his Elderhostel students, and learned as much from them as he taught them.

He serves as moderator of the West Paris United Church of Christ, and served a term as moderator for the Oxford Union Association. He has also been a guest speaker several times at the West Paris First Universalist Church.

He was the chair of the board of trustees of the West Paris Library during its recent major expansion and renovation project.

"His leadership, enthusiasm, and ability to organize and communicate clearly were instrumental in the renovation and addition to the West Paris Library," said longtime friend Jim Burke.

Abbott is active on social media, engaging daily in courteous but spirited debates about education and politics, and offering an inspirational bit of wisdom each evening before signing off, like this recent quote from Benjamin Franklin: "Justice will not be served until those who are unaffected are as outraged as those who are."

At a time when public education in the U.S. has come under increasing scrutiny

and criticism, with competing mandates and proposals aimed at rectifying inequality and improving academic performance, Abbott doesn't hesitate to defend it, and to explain his views in person and on Facebook.

"I am a staunch believer that the public school system has been the bedrock of our nation," he said.

"He believed in us"

Among his nearly 1,000 Facebook friends are scores of his former high school students, eager to stay in touch with the teacher they remember as "positive," "tough but fair," and "passionate about education."

"He's the only teacher I ever contacted after graduation," said Jeffrey Dunham, a Greenwood native who graduated from Telstar in the 1980s and now lives in Florida.

He remembered the way Abbott was able to make history and literature come alive in the classroom, and said his teaching "was similar to a time released pill, with layers of what I had absorbed soaking into my consciousness slowly over the years."

"I learned much more from him than he ever could have known he taught me," Dun-

ham said.

"The biggest influence he had on me, though, came from his confidence, his kindness, and his respect for others. He believed in himself and he believed in us, his students."

"He gets so much joy out of whatever subject he's teaching that he makes you feel like he's imparting some special secrets," remembered Sandy Kendall Dennis, who was Abbott's student during his early years at Telstar in the 1970s.

She said she took an elective she didn't need during her senior year "simply because he taught it and I knew it would be my last opportunity to take a class with him as my teacher."

For many years, Abbott joined forces with Telstar English teacher Helen Berry to teach as a team, creating some memorable moments in the classroom.

"Those two had the most beautiful working relationship," said their former student Loretta Long. "They were like a vaudeville act, the two of them together, working off of each other, playing and having fun, but also, at the same time, being serious."

"I remember more laughter in their joint classes than any other," said Dunham. "They would pretend to be famous historical figures, stuff like that, with cheap, easy props—simple stuff that was really fun."

"My years of team teaching with Helen Berry were absolutely great," Abbott said. The two taught American and English literature to sophomores, juniors, and seniors at various times.

"We also did Black Studies together, which was a combination of African-American history and English. That is a course I created, and it is the one I am most proud of."

After Berry passed away, the Telstar auditorium was named in her honor. Abbott spoke at the 1990 dedication,

recalling a time when Berry shouted to him through the divider between their classrooms to come over and help her with the balcony scene from "Romeo and Juliet."

"She was standing on her desk and handed me a copy of the play. Just then, kids arrived from home ec class with samples of their Chinese chop suey and chopsticks. We did that scene from Shakespeare with chopsticks, and I bet 'old Bill' would have loved it. I know the kids did."

"A very strong sense of place"

Abbott grew up on Abbott Hill in West Paris and now lives next door to the house he grew up in, on his grandfather's farm, where he stays active by cutting wood and tending a vegetable garden.

"I have a very strong sense of place," he said. "I've been here all my life, and I don't regret that at all. In fact, I'm very pleased about it."

He attended the two-room school in his North Paris neighborhood, graduated from high school in West Paris in a class of 11 students, then joined a freshman class of 1,100 at the University of Maine.

"That was something of a culture shock," he said.

After graduating from college in 1963 with a major in history, he set out with a friend from Queens, New York to see some of the United States before settling into his first teaching job that September at Buckfield High School.

"I took a couple thousand dollars that my grandmother, God bless her, had left me when she died. We left New York City on the Fourth of July, and we were gone until the day before I had to start teaching," he said. "We really made quite a trip out of it."

The journey took them across the middle of the country, and throughout the South and the Southwest. Along the way, they visited historical sites Abbott had learned about in school but had never seen.

"In retrospect," he said, "it was one of the best things I could ever have done. I can't believe how many times that trip has helped me in my teaching. I saw the South, for example, before the civil rights laws were passed, so I saw it while segregation was still in effect."

Abbott and his wife Lois, who have been married for nearly 50 years, have four grown children, including twin daughters who do not share a birthday.

"One was born before midnight and one after," Lois said.

They also have five grandchildren, with whom they enjoy close relationships. Three live close by and visit often; one granddaughter waits for the bus each morning at their house.

Oldest daughter Laurie and her family, who live in Florida, recently spent a week visiting in Maine. While here, the Abbotts' granddaughter Olivia shared some of her poetry with the weekly West

Paris Library group, and she and grandson Nico had plenty of opportunities to play in the snow around the Abbott homestead.

"There's something very gratifying about seeing your own kids, and your grandchildren, play in the same places you did," Abbott said. "It brings back a lot of wonderful memories. It's very satisfying to see them re-experiencing the same kinds of things I did."

"The ultimate good citizen"

"Rodney is one of my favorite people," said Jim Burke, who calls Abbott "the ultimate good citizen."

"[He] is a caring and intelligent man who treats people of all stations of life with respect and dignity," he said. "I've always been impressed with his ability to share his views and at the same time be very respectful to those with whom he disagrees."

Former student Dunham said that as a teacher, Abbott "exuded individuality, dressing and looking how he wanted, and he never passed judgment over our appearance or even our behavior."

"He had a way of making you think he really liked you, whether you were a bit of a delinquent or a teacher's pet," Dunham said.

"Perhaps he really did like all of us, and that's how he was able to teach with such diversity. I know I probably wasn't one of his favorite students, but I felt like I was, so maybe that's why he was my favorite teacher."

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Notes from the Gilead selectmen's meeting

Feb. 11, 2015

The Board of Selectmen met at 6 p.m. at the Town Office on Feb. 11. Officers present were: The three selectmen-Jeremy Morin, Steve McLain, Alfred Leighton; Town Clerk/Treasurer/Registrar of Voters, Linsley Chapman; Tax Collector/Admin. Asst., Judy Perrille. Also attending the meeting were members of the Fire Dept.-Randy Grondin and Fabian Corriveau, and Road Commissioner Fred Corriveau. Members of the public were Linsley Chapman's husband, Hugh Chapman, and Fred Corriveau's wife, Sue Corriveau.

First item on the agenda was a discussion regarding a recent incident between the road commissioner and the town clerk, following a complaint from the town clerk. Both sides were heard. At the end of the meeting, the Board of Selectmen voted to "retain a lawyer to seek legal advice to discuss the responsibilities of the town regarding a hostile work environment."

The Fire Chief, Randy Grondin, presented the Fire Department budget for next year. The department is requesting an increase to replace equipment, some of which is outdated and non-compliant with State of Maine regulations.

Fred Corriveau presented the budget for the Public Ways and Bridges account for next year. There was an increase of \$10,000.00 to do repair on the bucket loader and \$20,000.00 to do road work on Wight's Hill on the North Road. These will be listed as separate articles on the Warrant in the Annual Town Report.

The selectmen reviewed and approved the Treasurer's Warrants so that the Treasurer, Linsley Chapman, could proceed with payments for the monthly bills.

It was mentioned that D. A. Wilson removed the huge piles of snow that were discussed at the last selectmen's meeting. The Road Commissioner had been asked to move them, but would not do so.

After reviewing the items on the appropriations list, the selectmen finalized the budget for next year. There will be a \$500.00 increase in both the Cemetery and Street Lights accounts. Since the town no longer owes any long term notes, there will be no money raised under that account.

An abatement for 2014 real estate taxes was presented to the selectmen from the Portland Pipe Line. The selectmen voted to refer this request to John E. O'Donnell, Associates, who are handling any real estate inquiries, such as this, for the town. Voted that Admin. Asst., Judy Perrille, would get this abatement right off to O'Donnell Associates.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

- Linsley Chapman, town clerk



SHOWING THEIR LEGO SKILLS TO THE SCHOOL BOARD-Utah Bean, Huntley Blair, Tanner Martin, and Harrison Connors, members of the Brickmasters, a Lego League competition team sponsored by the Mahoosuc Kids Association, demonstrated their projects for the SAD 44 Board of Directors at their February meeting. Ten team members worked throughout the fall with coaches Marie Keane and Kate Slattery to build, program, and test Lego robots, then participated in a statewide competition in Augusta in December. Lego League is an international competition program in which teams receive points for their robots' performance, the complexity of their programming, teamwork, and presentation. Other members of the Brickmasters team were Romeo Villaneuva, Ben Godomski, Eli Shifrin, Michael James, Trey Meader, and Reese Rosenberg. A. Chapman

Missing teen snowmobilers found

Two teenagers were found Tuesday morning after their snowmobile got stuck on an ungroomed trail Monday night.

Attached photo of the two missing teens taken within the last few days. Ty Howard-otto is pictured on the left, his friend Jonah is on the right.

According to a statement from the Maine Warden Service, Ty Howard-Gotto, 15, and his friend Jonah May, 15, from North Smithfield, R.I., left Highland Terrace in Mexico at approximately 7:30 p.m. Monday and were

due to arrive at 10 p.m. at their grandfather's camp, located at 225 South Arm Road in Andover.

Gotto, who was driving the snowmobile, missed a turn and ended up crossing Devil's Den Road. According to wardens, the two boys proceeded west on a groomed trail, heading toward the Sawyer Notch area. Then, they took the South Sawyer Trail which is currently not maintained, and got their snowmobile stuck halfway between Devil's Den Road and the Black Cat Road, below Richardson Lake.

According to Cpl. John MacDonald, the boys tried soaking a sock in gasoline to get a fire started but that did not work. Then, "they walked a considerable distance to the Black Cat Road and made it down to the shore of Richardson Lake where they found a shed on the lake shore and a go-cart that had fresh gas in it."

Gotto told wardens they were able to start a fire on the shore of the lake, using gas from the go-cart. After getting warmed up they both slept in the go-cart for the rest of the night.

When they woke up Tuesday morning, the two walked across the south end of Richardson Lake to the South Arm Road, where they were picked up by a passerby at about 10 a.m.

According to MacDonald, both boys are fine, with no injuries or signs of hypothermia. "With temperatures near 10 below zero last night, these young men were very lucky," he said.

The two were dressed in appropriate winter sled gear, and wardens said they reported being hungry when found.

Andover woman leads indoor walking group

BY MATTHEW DAIGLE, SUN MEDIA WIRE

In an effort to get residents active during the winter, a local woman is holding walking seminars three nights a week at the Andover Elementary School.

All Andover residents are welcome to go to the school at 6:30 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, Denise Hurd said. There, she'll use a Leslie Sansone walking DVD to spur people on.

Hurd said that about six years ago, she was asked by several residents where they could work out in Andover during the winter months.

"I told them that they could either go to Bethel or Rumford," she said. "It was around this time that the recession had started to take a grip on this area. I started thinking that there should be a place for Andover residents to work out in the winter."

Hurd said she asked the town Recreation Committee if it would be willing to sponsor an indoor walking seminar at Andover Elementary School.

"I figured that every school has a TV and a DVD player, so as long as someone was there to unlock the doors, set

it up and lock the doors, the town would be OK with it," Hurd said.

Hurd wanted to find a trainer to lead the seminar but soon learned that everybody she wanted to hire would be too expensive.

"I did a lot of the legwork on setting it up, but all of the trainers I wanted would need to be paid," Hurd said. "I decided to do it so people could have a place to go and wouldn't have to spend money on gym memberships during the winter."

Hurd said the indoor venue keeps people from having to walk on the sidewalks.

"We have really nice areas to walk in Andover during the spring and summer, but in the winter, our sidewalks aren't in very good shape," Hurd said. "We have a lot of elderly walkers who would have a hard time walking around with the roads the way they are," she said.

"The way I see it, indoor walking isn't just about the physical benefits you get," Hurd said. "It's also the social aspect. You get to see townfolk three days a week, and meet people you may not know as well."

Indoor walking will end April 30.

Hanover

Continued from page 1

Hanover allocation will continue to rise for the next two years, even if there is no other increase in the RSU 10 district budget," an explanation in the 2014 town report said.

Hanover has 25 students.

At Tuesday's meeting Stratton presented paperwork showing a comparison of Hanover's mill rate with that of eight nearby towns. At 9.30, it is greater than only Newry, at 9.05. Other comparisons included Woodstock at 11.95, Bethel at 12.50, Mexico at 26.00 and Rumford at 26.95.

But Selectman Brenda Gross noted her adult children can't afford to live in Hanover. Stratton described the town as "property rich," with its proximity to Sunday River Resort and the presence of Howard Pond.

RSU 10 advantages

Gross served on the town's school consolidation committee in the leadup to the vote to join RSU 10.

She reminded residents that the reasons for joining the district included concerns about the potential cost for a Hanover special education student who might need extensive special services. Under the tuition town format arrangement, the town would bear the cost alone.

And, said Gross, "We also wanted to have a say on the [RSU 10] board."

Hanover's RSU 10 school director, Linda Beaudoin, outlined the district's recent efforts to trim back its budget.

She said many employee positions had been cut in the past, and the district is considering closing some outdated buildings.

Stratton noted a recent discussion in Newry, which is in the middle of a school withdrawal process, in which the town's educational consultant said townspeople who had expressed interest in other educational alternatives besides withdrawal should have explored them before starting the withdrawal process.

The group eventually reached an informal consensus to learn more about the town's options and its relationship with RSU 10 by meeting with Beaudoin and local legislative representatives. They chose the April meeting of the Board of Selectmen to do it.

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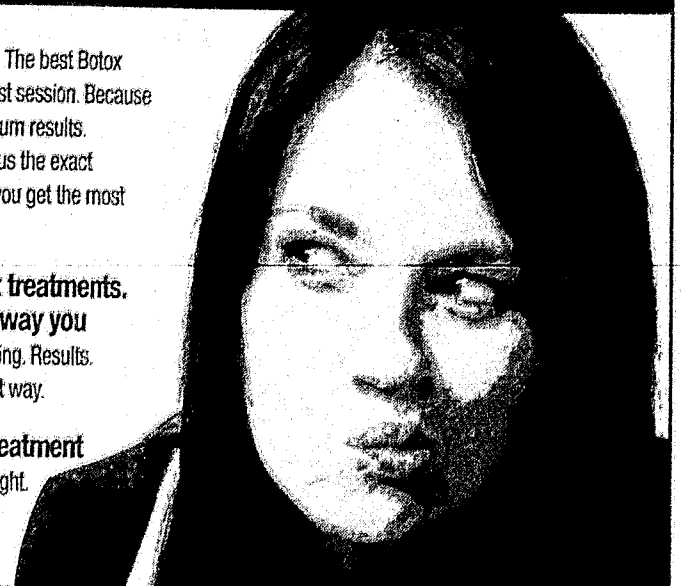
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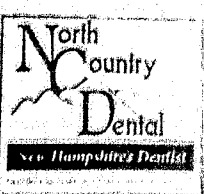
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The Way I See It

BY SHARON BOUCHARD

From the TWISI archives: I hope everyone had a happy Valentine's Day. It's a sweet day for the sweet hearts.

I happened to go into one of the big box stores on Valentine's Day and witnessed firsthand how sweet it is, or at least from my perspective how amusing it can be. I also witnessed how much money can be spent to show your sweetie how much he or she is loved.

It was around 4:30 in the afternoon and the store was absolutely packed with men roaming around looking dazed, frantic and confused. I decided to call them the Zero Hour Boys.

Though I had no valid reason to go near the card and candy sections I elbowed my way in anyway just to observe the goings-on. I have to say that there didn't seem to be a lot of loving looks on the Zero Hour Boys' faces on the day of Love.

I don't mean to make this a battle of the sexes, but the truth is that women do shop a whole lot differently than men. The absence of women, other than yours truly in these aisles was evidence that most women had already done their Valentine's Day shopping rather than waiting until the very last minute.

When women select a Valentine's card usually days before the big day they usually take quite a bit of time reading the verses in search of the perfect message. The message must truly reflect her feelings for her man and what their relationship means to her. In other words, it must be a

verse right from her heart.

The men, or at least these Zero Hour Boys were just grabbing cards willy nilly without even reading the verse inside.

Two guys, obviously buddies, grabbed a couple of cards and headed for the candy section. One of them looked at the front of the card and said to his pal, "I have to get a different card. This one says to my wife and she's only my girlfriend."

They took the time to think about their sweetie.

This caused the other guy to take a second and look at his card to which he proclaimed, "I'm safe, this says to my sweetheart, so I can give it to my wife or my girlfriend." Isn't love grand?

Many of the men were buying flowers too, which I think is very sweet, but again, they were not doing it quite the same way a woman would.

Okay, I admit, women don't usually get flowers for their honeys, but if they did they would spend some time looking them over. There would be some thought put into what the different types of flowers mean or maybe pick something associated with a special memory.

Women would look the bouquets over to make sure

the flowers were fresh with no brown petals or wilted stems. The flowers would need to be as perfect as the verse on the card.

For the Zero Hour Boys it was just grab the first bouquet they came to. Getting flowers for their sweetie is, as I said, sweet, but if they're half dead it's not going to score a lot of points.

Then there were the heart-shaped boxes of chocolates. Some of these were very pretty covered in velvet and adorned with pretty bows. There was everything from little heart-shaped boxes with just a few chocolates to great giant-sized, heart-shaped boxes with pounds of chocolates.

The Zero Hour Boys were actually pushing and shoving to grab the biggest heart shaped box. I think the male concept of bigger is better was at work here, at least until they saw the prices.

One man gasped when he turned the box over and saw the sticker and said, now this is the actual quote, "I don't love her that much!" He put the box back and took a much smaller one. Some of the other men chuckled, but I noticed that a few of them followed suit and selected something a little less costly.

The bottom line is that zero hour or not, these guys got something for their sweeties for Valentine's Day. It really doesn't matter if the verse on the card wasn't a heartfelt selection or if there was a wilted flower or two in the bouquet, they took the time to think about their sweetie and the way I see it, that is just so gosh darn sweet.

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Briefly

Newry Town Meeting warrant approved

NEWRY-Newry selectmen Tuesday approved the warrant for the March 3 Town Meeting. The municipal expense budget of \$841,714 is up about \$12,000 over last year, due in part to a bump in the solid waste costs. The town, a member of the Tri Town Transfer Station in Bethel, paid Bethel \$129,193 this year, \$19,000 over budget. Town officials said the reimbursements for recyclables has declined. Selectmen upped the recommended budget to \$130,000 for the coming year. In other business, JAGJA engineer Joe Aloisio updated selectmen on plans to improve the Sunday River Road near the Letter S swimming hole. Voters will decide on the proposal at the March 3 Town Meeting. If approved, the work would likely be done this summer, perhaps beginning in June, Aloisio said. He said the work would take about six weeks, and the road would need to be kept open on one side during that time. The plan calls for replacing a large culvert, creating a more uniform grade up a hill and a better parking setup, and repaving. Aloisio said that the current culvert could be replaced by a smaller one, five feet in diameter. He said a steel culvert is about one-quarter of the cost of a concrete one, and at that price the town could afford to replace the steel one sooner than a concrete one would need a replacement. The estimated cost of the overall project is \$229,000. Following the meeting, about a half dozen people attended a public hearing on proposed new ordinances for parking and road entrance, and changes to the Planning Board and fire suppression ordinances. Town Administrator Loretta Powers said most questions were about enforcement of the parking ordinance, which was prompted by concerns about parking in the areas of hiking trails in town. The selectboard will meet next on March 4 at 5 p.m. at the Town Office.

Woodstock baseball signups; town budget

WOODSTOCK-Sign-up forms for all Woodstock baseball and softball teams will be available beginning on Monday, Feb. 23 at the Woodstock Town Office, according to Town Manager Vern Maxfield. Sign-up fees are \$15 per child, or \$25 per family. The Town Office is open 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. In other town business at Tuesday's selectboard meeting, selectmen continued work on the municipal budget for the March 23 Town Meeting. Town Manager Vern Maxfield estimates the budget will rise about 5 percent. He expects the final draft to be ready for the March 3 board meeting. On other topics, Maxfield said the town expects the G&W Transfer Station to switch over to zero sort recycling in the very near future. More information will be provided at the station.

OCSD Patrol Log

Monday, Feb. 9

At 6:17 p.m. a subject reported being threatened while at work in Newry. Deputy Willie Nelson was assigned.

Wednesday, Feb. 11

At 1:38 p.m. Deputy Andy Whitney took a late report of an assault in Greenwood. The incident was under investigation.

Thursday, Feb. 12

At 1:41 a.m., Deputy Steve Witham did a motor vehicle stop on Gilead Road in Gilead. The driver was cited for speeding, failure to provide evidence of insurance, and operating after suspension.

Friday, Feb. 13

At 3:30 p.m. a subject found some ice fishing traps on Parkway in Bethel and left them at the OCSD office.

Saturday, Feb. 14

At 9:17 p.m. Deputy Steve Witham did a motor vehicle stop on Mayville Road in Bethel. The driver, David Marks, 30, was arrested on an outstanding warrant.

Sunday, Feb. 15

At 9:17 a.m. Deputy Andy Whitney responded to a report of an overnight burglary on Intervale Road in Bethel. A few small items were taken. The investigation was ongoing.

At 11:08 p.m. Deputy Dave Hodgson assisted the Bethel Fire Department with a wire down across the road on Skillings Road.

OCSD Jail Log

Feb. 13, 9:42 p.m.: Albert J. Merithew, 58, of Woodstock, disorderly conduct; by Deputy Nathan Bowie in Woodstock.

Feb. 14, 9:48 p.m.: David A. Marks, 30, of Mexico, failure to appear; by Deputy Steve Witham in Bethel.

Bethel

By Nancy Brown



Several people have asked me about the Bethel Library closing during snow storms and blizzards. The library follows the lead of SAD 44. If the schools close because of bad weather, the library closes also. I spoke with Michelle Conroy, the librarian at the Bethel Library, who said that "safety is our main concern." If you are unsure if the library is open, call them at 824-2520. Also, remember that even when the library is closed you still have access to 24-hour wi-fi and downloadable books.

The latest snow storm (Feb. 14-15) did not drop the predicted foot-and-a-half of snow, but the strong winds and snow smoke created whiteout conditions and left visibility near zero at times on Sunday. Snow drifting across local roadways meant some hazardous spots. Everyone has their pet peeves about the stresses created by the repeated snow storms and bone chilling temperatures. High on the list of people I talked with last week were the poor visibility because of high snowbanks, icy sidewalks, and the steadily narrowing streets. Pedestrians complained about cars driving at high rates of speed on snow covered roads. Drivers complained about people walking in the streets. In Bethel I saw people skiing on the streets, something that made me extremely nervous. No matter what speed we drive, it is hard to stop on snowy roadways. As both a pedestrian and a driver, I think we all need to be cautious and respectful of the winter conditions.

There are many ways that our community does come together and help people get through the winter safely. This week I saw two of them. The Bethel Ambulance & Rescue Service sends someone to the monthly Bethel Senior Citizens meeting to do free blood pressure checks. Last week after completing the blood pressure checks, Haley Tripp announced that the Bethel Ambulance & Rescue Service had prepared buckets of sand for senior citizens to take home with them. The buckets were donated by Western Maine Supply, filled with sand at the town sand shed by the rescue service members, and then delivered to the senior citizens meeting site by Haley Tripp. On Saturday, the Bethel United Methodist Church hosted its annual Valentine's Day tea. Before the tea, Scott Parker showed up at the church to chop ice and snow from the sidewalk, making it wheelchair accessible and safe. Thank you to the Bethel Ambulance & Rescue Service, Western Maine Supply

and Scott Parker for their kindness and help.

On Feb. 12, Jim Young went to NYC and stayed with Josh. Hemet Anoreea Carver and Stacie Tehrig from Roanoke, Va. They all went to the airport to greet Shonna Young, back from Malaysia, then went to their various homes.

If you have news to share, please e-mail me at brownnancy1950@gmail.com, or call me at 824-2483.

East Bethel

By Wally Ritz



Well, apparently this week I need to apologize for my answer to the Trivia. I got my answer on the net from a write-up about Eva Bean. Thus now after receiving an anonymous phone call this weekend I will give you all the correct information. Leon L. Bean was born in Greenwood on Oct. 13, 1873 on Howe Hill Road and lived there until he was about two years old. I will do some more research to verify information I received. I just love this, as this is what my Trivia is all about. Thus now the new question, "Where was Alder River Grange chartered?" Call me at 507-1008 or e-mail heinrichcracker@gmail.com.

Stay warm and safe.

Bryant Pond

By Alice Hoyt



Judith Grover tent #17 DUVCW met on Monday, Feb. 9 at the home of Alice Hoyt. Elena Noyes was installed a Council Member #2. Christmas cards received were read as was a thank you from Tugus for the money sent at Christmas time. Elsie Reported on the monument. She also reported that she visited tent #23 to present a Women's Veterans Badge to a daughter in their tent.

President Vicky read articles on things that happened on this date in 1865. Sally Sawyer was reported on as being in the hospital at this time. A card shower was suggested, send to her home address PO Box 23. Valentines were written to the Veterans Home in South Paris. It was voted to ut on the Senior Citizens dinner in April. Next meeting is March at Alice's.

Sympathy is extended to Jim and Jane Chandler on the loss of her mother.

Services at the Baptist Church are Sunday School at 9:15 for all ages, Morning Service at 10:30, Evening Service at 6 p.m. Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. is Mid-Week Service; also Bloom for Girls 13 to 18 and Foundations for Guys 15 and up. The teens would like to thank everyone who helped on their sale or donated to it. They had a good turn out and made almost \$300 toward their plane tickets. The church

is paying for them to go to summer camp in Florida, but they need to earn their own plane tickets. Money from the sale and odd jobs they do is how they are earning them. They are having another sale the last Saturday in March. Everything at the last sale and the one coming up is \$1 a bag. If you have anything you wish to donate to the sale coming up you may leave it at the parsonage. Come help them out. Thanks.

The town meeting on Saturday, Feb. 7 was well attended. This was a celebration in honor of Woodstock's 200th anniversary. On Feb. 7, 1815, an act to establish the town of Woodstock was signed in Massachusetts. Lots of pictures were on display, poems, old letters, etc. were read. Memories over the years of the crank phone, etc. were shared. A passport to Woodstock is available at the Town Office. Visit the places in it and get them stamped, or take your picture at that place and return it to the Town Office for a gift. A parade, barbeque, fireworks, flower contest and more will take place June 20 and 21. See you there.

Gilead

By Lin Chapman



At least the blizzard predicted for this past weekend did not materialize. There were only a few inches or so that fell, but the wind blew that around.

My brother, Steve McLain, was pleasantly surprised that he only had to plow a little bit of snow and the drifts that were created by the wind.

Lise McLain attended the Senior Club luncheon at the Methodist Church last week.

Happy Birthday wishes to our son, Chris Chapman, whose birthday is on Feb. 21.

The Western Mountains Senior College course bulletin for Spring came out this week. The Spring term begins on Feb. 23. To find out more about WMSC check out their blog at <http://wmcollege.blogspot.com> or Google "Western Mountains Senior College." Membership fee is only \$25 and most multi-week classes cost about \$20. There are too many classes to mention here, but they run from really fun ones (Drawing and Painting or Creative Writing with Suzanne Taylor) to informative ones like Great Decisions or TED Talks. Mary Tyler from Gilead is teaching a Genealogy Course in May. WMSC has a great group of people who participate in these classes, so check it out and be-

come a member. Courses fill up fast so don't delay. The WMSC is based at the Adult Education Office at Telstar High School, 824-2780. Call and ask about WMSC. Adult Education personnel Jeannie Waite or Deanna Fowles will be glad to help you sign up. The Adult Ed Office has WMSC volunteers in the office on certain days, also.

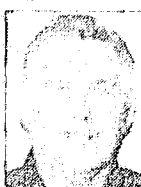
Many thanks to D.A. Wilson for the removal of the snow piles on both sides of our property. Thanks to the selectmen for making this happen.

Hugh and I attended the selectmen's meeting last Wednesday evening. We had an extremely important issue that we needed to bring to their attention. I wish I could write about the details of the meeting in my column, but they do not fit my 'rules and regulations' regarding what goes in this column.

Got any news? Call 836-2987 or e-mail chapmal@hotmail.com.

Mason

By Richard Grover



This past couple of weeks has produced lots of powder to make skiing and

snow shoeing fun again, a real contrast to the warm snow/rain combinations of December and early January, which made for icy conditions for cross country skiing. The snow in the first week of February made for tough conditions for logging with my short legs and small tractor. I managed to harvest enough good hardwood logs to make a full truckload for Bob Blake to take to market. The crotch deep snow convinced me to quit logging and try to get in some fun exercise in the woods, snow shoeing and cross country skiing.

The deep powder made it a bit tricky breaking trail for the snowmobile. My first time out, I got the "mobile" stuck twice within sight of the house! I finally decided to break trail with snow shoes, and then get out the snowmobile. This tactic enabled me to break and then groom a trail into the back country toward Trout Pond. There is little snowmobile traffic up that way, so when I'm lucky, I get to ski once or twice before the snowmobiles rut up the trail.

So far, I've only been out on skis a few times and haven't got my best "ski legs" on yet. Then, Shiloh complicates matters by racing ahead and then cutting back and forth across the trail ahead of me. It's worst on the long down hill cant on the ridge overlooking the pond. The first time I headed down my newly groomed trail there

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Two-thirds of moose hunters successful in 2014

Despite brief warm spells during both the September and October moose seasons, 65 percent of all moose hunters harvested a moose last season.

With 3,095 moose permits issued, 2,022 hunters were successful in getting their moose. Hunter success rates varied throughout different regions of the state with over 80 percent of the hunters getting moose in Wildlife Management Districts 3 and 5 in Aroostook County and under 10 percent of hunters getting a moose in WMDs 23 and 25 in Waldo and Knox Counties.

The 65% success rate for hunters is lower than the 73 percent success rate for hunters in 2013.

"Weather certainly played a factor," said IFW's moose biologist Lee Kantar. "Moose tend to travel less and spend more time in cover when it's hot. Hunter effort also declines."

Maine's moose season is split into three segments with six-day seasons in September, October and November. Temperatures were above 80 degrees on the first day of the season in September, and despite a cool start to the October season, warmer weather in the 70s prevailed during the middle of the October season.

"We expect to see a higher success rate in September, as moose are more receptive to calling," said Kantar. "But in WMD 3, only 79 percent of the hunters were successfully in September compared to 91 percent in October."

Kantar also added that there are fewer moose on the landscape than in previous years.

"Looking at the survival data from our radio-collared moose last year, we know that winter ticks during the winter of 2014 had an impact on moose," said Kantar. "It was an impact that was likely above normal, somewhat similar in its impact to a tough winter on deer." As a result, the department decreased the number of permits available to moose hunters.

The radio-collar moose study is just one aspect of the department's ongoing research on Maine's moose.

IFW is currently in its fifth year of conducting aerial surveys to estimate moose abundance and population composition (composition of male/females; adults/calves). The aerial surveys provide data used to estimate the moose population and health of the herd.

During the moose hunting season, biologists also examine teeth to determine a moose's age, measure antler spread, monitor the number of ticks a moose carries and examine ovaries in November to determine reproductive rates.

Biologists are set to recommend moose permit numbers for the fall 2015 moose season. The number of available moose permits is based upon population numbers and the composition of the moose population in wildlife management districts, as well as the population goals and objectives for that district.

Bethel Senior Citizens news

The Bethel Senior Citizens Club met Feb. 11 at the Bethel Methodist Church for their meeting, potluck dinner and auction with 45 members present. President Fran Head conducted the meeting and led the salute to the flag. Joan Cole offered a prayer.

Reports were given by Becky Keen and Arlene Lowell. The door prize was won by Eleanor Brooks and the 50/50 raffle by Bette Gilbert.

The next meeting will be March 11 at the Crosstone Restaurant Route 26 in Woodstock. Doors will open at 10:45. Meeting starts at 11 a.m. The menu is a choice of fish or chicken. Reservations must be made before March 1 by calling Arlene Lowell at 824-2877.

It was voted to keep the same officers for the coming year: President Fran Head, Vice-president Lise McLain, Treasurer Becky Keen, Assistant Treasurer Barbara Mahler and Secretary Arlene Lowell.

Fran Head was the auctioneer with helpers Becky Keen and Lise McLain. The auction raised \$246.50 for the club. Winners from the silver saver jars were: Caroline Gould, Alma Merrill and Avery Angevine.

With Joan Cole at the piano, Happy Birthday was sung to those having February birthdays: Phyllis Cross, Carolyn Campbell, Barbara Mahler, Rhonda Mitchell and Barbara Patterson.

WMH Board appointments

David Preble, Chairman of the Western Maine Health board, has announced the appointment of H. Sawin Millett, Jr. and Holly Bancroft Brown as Trustees of the Western Maine Health, Stephens Memorial Hospital and Western Maine Multi Medical Specialist Boards.

Millett, a native of Watford, received a B.S. degree from Bates College in Lewiston and a Master's Degree in Education Administration from the University of Maine.

His professional achievements include teaching and executive leadership positions including Commissioner of Education. Millett has enjoyed a distinguished career in public service. Key highlights include: Director of Legislative Operations under Governor McKernan, Senior Policy Advisor for Governor King, and two terms as Commissioner of Finance/Administrative and Financial Services for the State of Maine.

Brown has served on the Stephens Community Healthcare Foundation since 2009 and is a past board member of Western Maine Multi Medical Specialists. She carries the tradition as the second generation of her family as a trustee of the Western Maine Health boards.

She attended Montana State University and has been a local real estate broker since 2009, currently with The Maine Real Estate Network. In addition to service on Western Maine Health affiliate boards, Brown has served as a member of the Paris Planning Board, Maine Adaptive Sports and Recreation and the Gould Academy Board of Trustees.

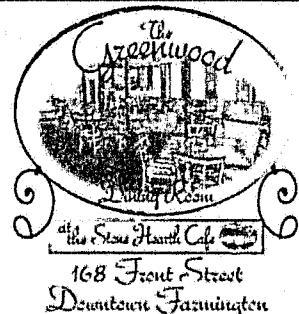
Fly Fishing 101 offered

The Mollycodd Chapter of Trout Unlimited will be presenting a program titled "Fly Fishing 101" at the First Congregational Church, 17 East Main Street, South Paris. Event runs from 12 to 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21.

If you have ever had an interest in or curiosity about fly fishing the following presentation is a great introduction and primer for the novice to the expert:

Fly-Fishing 101: Understanding Fly Tackle (Dick Walters, Master Maine Guide); Fly Rod, Reel, Line, Leader, Fly and The Biology of fish/Natural Foods for Fish (John Wight, Master Maine Guide). To fly fish successfully you must understand the fish's world of water and how they function in it, like water temperature comfort zones. Fly-Fishing Tactics (Jim Mullen, Fly Tyer Extraordinaire). There are two types of fly-fishing water: still water and moving water. Approaching your quarry. How to fly Cast (Mike McCue, F.F.F. Certified Casting Instructor); Conventional Casting and Fly Casting; The Four Part Cast.

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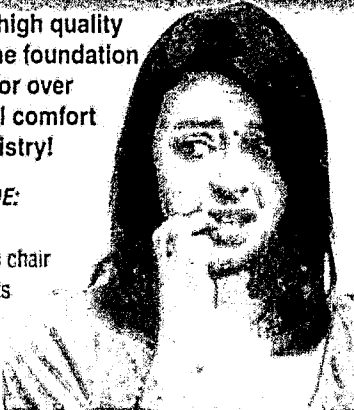
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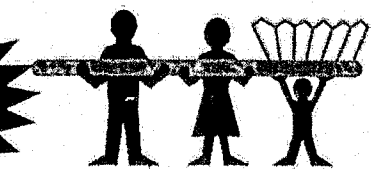
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Wednesday: Chihuahua dog or Sun Butter and jelly on wholegrain bread with cheese stick, whole kernel corn, baked beans, fresh berries.

Thursday: Shepherd's pie or Sun Butter and jelly on wholegrain bread with cheese stick, cinnamon roll, green beans, cereal and dried fruit mix.

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Monday: Make your own rice bar, steamed broccoli, chilled peaches, apple, chocolate pudding.

Tuesday: Grilled cheese sandwich on wholegrain bread, vegetable soup, Goldfish crackers, mixed fruit.

Wednesday: Make your own pasta bar and breadstick, whole kernel corn, baked beans, fresh berries.

Thursday: Shepherd's pie, cinnamon roll, green beans, cereal and dried fruit mix.

Friday: Cook's choice, fish and cheese on a wholegrain roll, sweet potato fries, cucumber slices, warmed apple slices.

Apply for moose permits

Hunters who dream about the hunt of a lifetime will be happy to know that Maine moose permit online application process is now open, as the 2015 Moose Permit Lottery is accepting applications.

The online application process is fast and simple and you receive instant confirmation that you have successfully entered the lottery. To apply, please visit www.mefishwildlife.com. The deadline for online applications is May 14.

Paper applications are available by contacting the Department at (207) 287-8000 or from our website at www.mefishwildlife.com. Completed paper applications must be postmarked by April 1 or delivered to 284 State St., Augusta, Maine by 5 p.m. on April 1.

Bonus points are awarded for each consecutive year the applicant has applied for the lottery since 1998 without being selected and each bonus point gives the applicant an additional chance in the drawing.

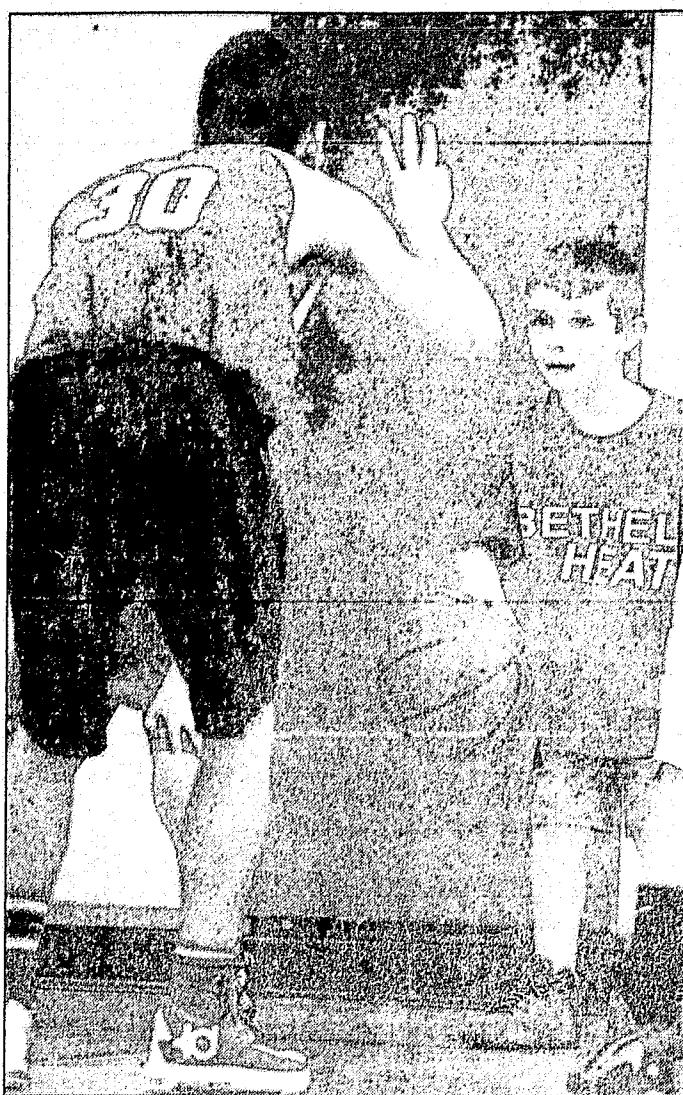
Bonus points are earned at the rate of one per year

for years one to five, two per year for years six to 10, three per year for years 11 to 15 and 10 per year for years 16 and beyond.

Since 2011, applicants can skip a year and not lose their bonus points. So if they applied in 2013 but not in 2014, they still have their points available if they apply in 2015.

The moose permit drawing will take place on June 13 at the Moose Festival in Bethel. To learn more about the three-day festival, please visit www.bethelmainemoosefest.com.

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BASKETBALL MENTORING-The Bethel Recreation Basketball Program is wrapping up this week at the Crescent Park School. The Saturday program also included some help from the Telstar High School Boys' Basketball Team. Here, Michael Cummings gets some pointers from Rebel player Brandon Doherty. For a letter praising the program, see Page 2
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UMA Dean's List

The following area students have been named to the dean's list for the fall semester at the University of Maine at Augusta: Enock Glidden, Albany Twp; Shanta Hoff, Bethel; Brittany Kesseli, Bryant Pond; Tara Lunney, Bethel.

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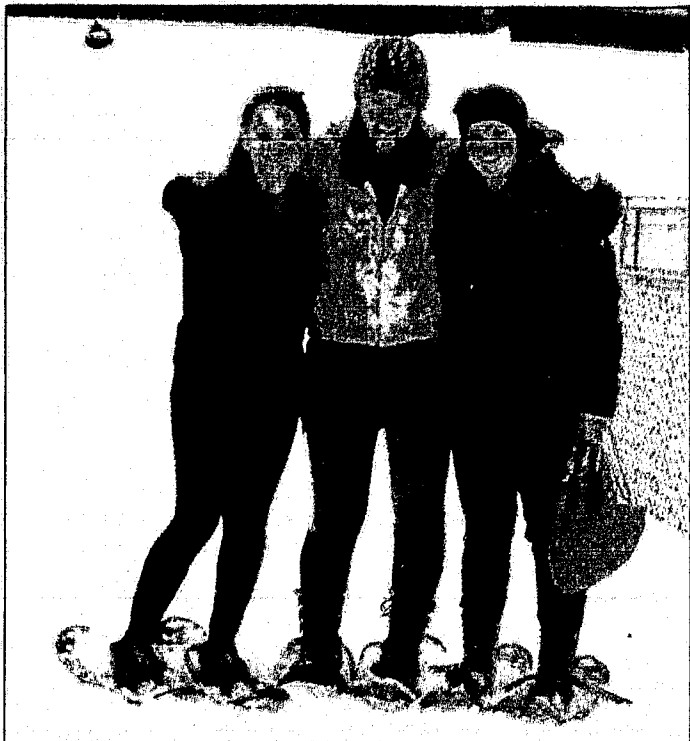
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WINTER CARNIVAL FUN—Last week was Winter Carnival Week at Telstar High School. Competitions among the classes included cribbage, chess, floor hockey, wiffle ball and cross-country skiing/snowshoeing. On Thursday about a dozen students took to the trails behind Telstar on skis or snowshoes. Pictured above left are, from left: Lisa Gammon, Cassidy Smith and Blair Stevens. Above right photo, from left: Cheyanne Casey, Rider Gross, Joey Mason, Lloyd Sweetser, Josh Crosby and Toby Leighton.



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Sports



High School Cross-Country Skiing

CLASS C STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS, Feb. 17—The Telstar Nordic Team traveled to Presque Isle for the Class C State Ski Championships over February break. The team had to ski under incredibly difficult conditions. The temperatures hovered around 0°F with strong winds and blowing snow. The team skied with determination and grit and came away with some incredible results. Gabi Stone was the Class C Ski Meister Champion. Kellen True, Liam Gallagher and Greg Wheeler took 3rd, 4th and 5th places as Ski Meisters. In the Combined Team scores, both the Telstar Girls and Telstar Boys were Class C runners' up, finishing second to perennial powerhouse Fort Kent.

The 5km Classical race was held on Monday, Feb. 16 at the Northern Heritage Center in Presque Isle. Boys' results: 23rd Kellen True 19:18, 36th Liam Gallagher 20:52, 37th Gregory Wheeler 20:55, 44th Elijah Laird 22:02, 46th Josh Eliot 22:29, and 55th Gaelen Boyle-Wight 23:50. Girls' Results: 6th Carla Boyle-Wight 21:03, 9th Gabi Stone 22:19, 19th Kaitlyn Brown

23:26, and 37th Marta Opie 26:41.

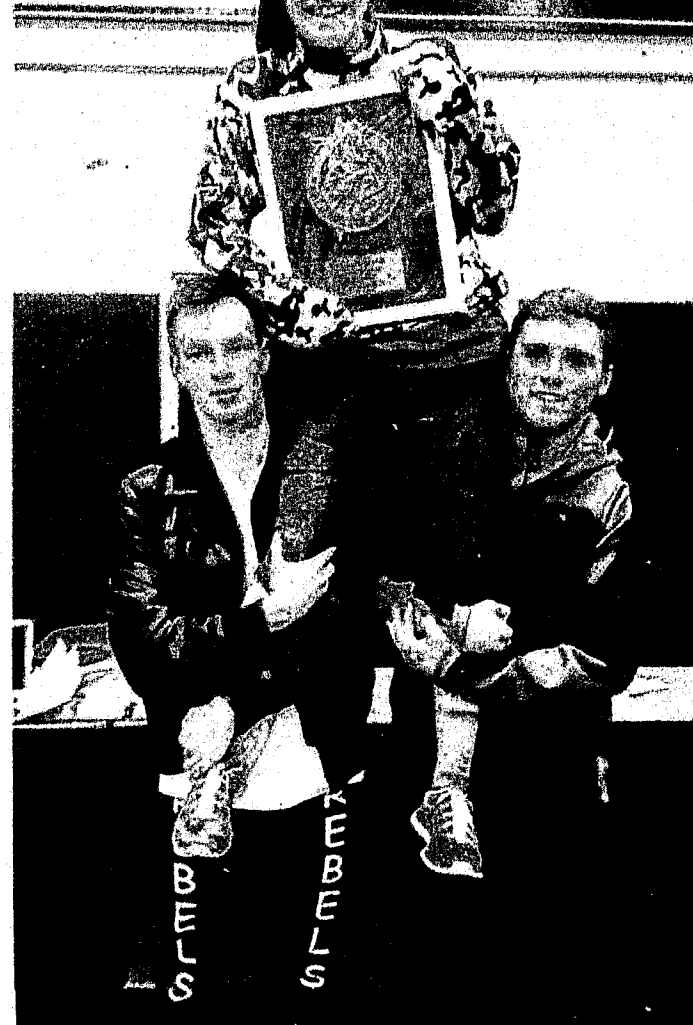
On Feb. 17 the 5km Freestyle race was held under the lights at the Northern Heritage Center. The race had to be held in the evening because the alpine races had been postponed from the day before. Both GS and slalom alpine races had to be held first followed by the Nordic races. The Telstar ski meisters competed in three events that day. Boys' Freestyle results: 14th Liam Gallagher 16:51, 18th Kellen True 17:10, 23rd Gregory Wheeler 17:31, 38th Josh Eliot 19:32, 53rd Elijah Laird 21:23 and 55th Gaelen Boyle-Wight 21:47. Girls' Freestyle results: 7th Gabi Stone 20:16, 8th Carla Boyle-Wight 20:17, 19th Kaitlyn Brown 21:40, and 39th Marta Opie 25:13. The Telstar Boys' Nordic team was 6th overall and the Telstar Girls' Nordic team was 3rd overall for the Class C Nordic Championships. "We are looking forward to a great end of the season with the Sassi and Eastern High School Qualifier races coming up Saturday, Feb. 28. Wish our team luck. We may get some kids onto the state teams," said Coach Sarah Southam.

Mountain Valley Rec Basketball League

Matterhorn/Archie's Tied for third in MVRBL — With Archie's (5-4) drawing a bye this week, The Matterhorn (5-4) took care of business with an effortless victory over winless Neptune (0-9), 82-48. The Matterhorn's Glen Dubois topped all scorers with 27 points, 18 from behind the arc. Matt Newell had an easy 16 and Kindle Bonsall added 10 more. Neptune, who has had a rotating roster all year and difficultly maintaining players, was led by newcomer Nick Blodgett with 16 points while Mike Leclerc had 10. While Jay (1-9) forfeited to undefeated

Laid Back Installers (10-0). Ranor (9-1) then fought off a feisty Bethel group (3-7) in a low scoring, defensive affair, 65-54. Ranor was led by Nate Carson with 20 points, Scot New had 14 and Aaron St. Pierre had 11. Bethel was directed by Ryan Kimball and Ryan Savage with 13 each. Sunday, Feb. 22, Bethel is off, while The Matterhorn and Archie's vie for sole possession of third place at 10 a.m. LBI and Ranor square off to decide first place at 11 and Jay plays Neptune to see who is looking up from the bottom at 1 p.m.

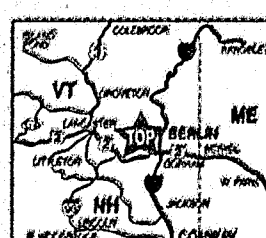
THE TELSTAR EAGLES



Gabi Stone is the Class C State Girls' Ski Meister Champion. She is held up by Greg Wheeler (left) and Kellen True (right) in celebration. She competed in a slalom alpine race, a Giant Slalom alpine race, a 5km Classical Nordic race and a 5km Freestyle Nordic race to receive this honor.

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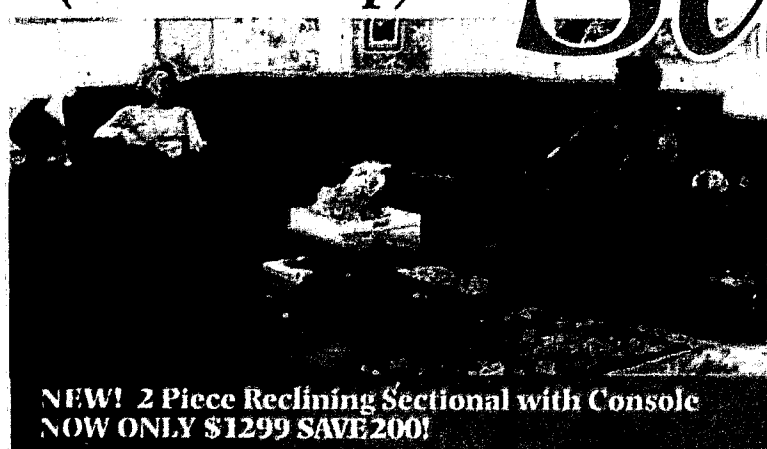
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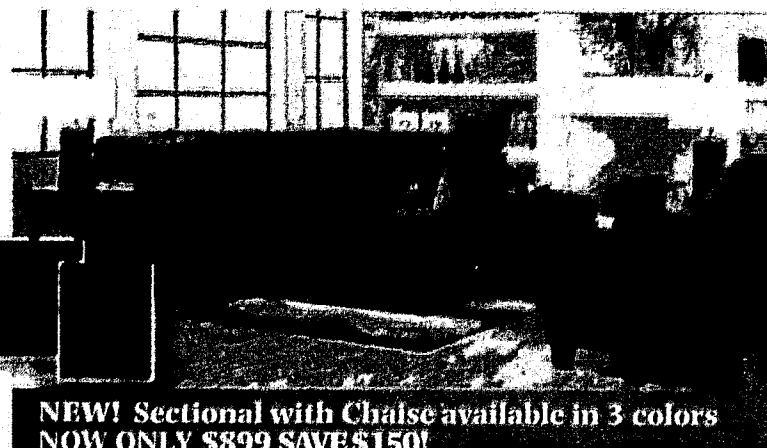
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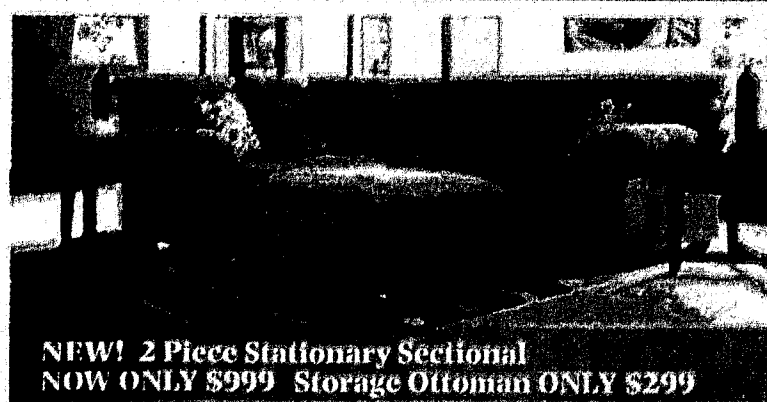
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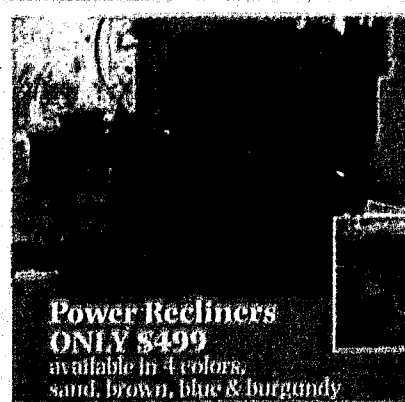
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From the Director

As you can see from our pictures this month, we either embraced the snow or we gave up and stayed in to cook! The International cooking class at the high school has been very popular. Thanks to the local food connection for assisting with this program.

The WES kids are having a blast in the X-Country Ski program at Carters. The kids are also enjoying strapping on the snowshoes most afternoons.

At CPS we have a tentative date for our drama presentation of "The Wizard of Oz" for March 27th. The kids are enjoying learning the many aspects of play production.

Mrs. Raymond's sewing class is so popular that after vacation we are going to open it up to 2nd graders!

Parents please check with us if you have missing clothing. We have a number of items in our lost and found bin. We keep clothes a couple of days then put them with the CPS lost and found located by the gym. Have a great vacation.

Julie Hart,
MKA Director



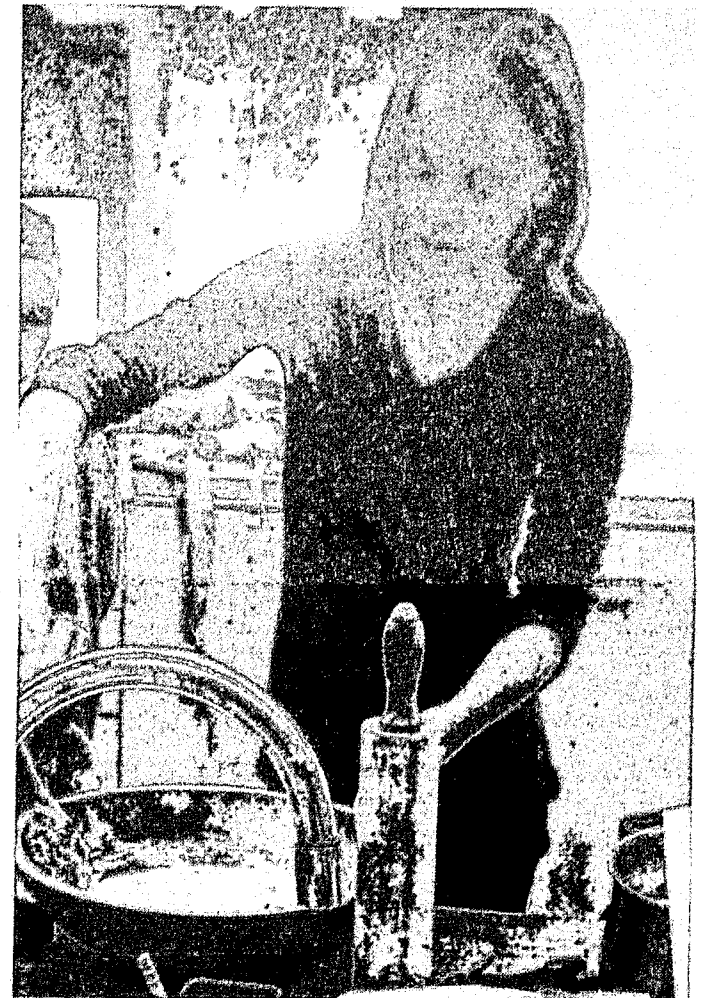
Grady, Gavin, Angelica, and Dakota take a break from snowshoeing.



Riley prepares to slide down the hill.



Colby Hastings and Matthew Bean are ready to bake their brownies.



Kaitlynn mixing the pizza dough.



Abigail, LaNora, Meagan, Kaitlynn making homemade pizza crust with Amy during our Dash Cooking Class.



Bella DeVivo, Riley Jerome, Olive Candura, and Hannah Pierce have an impromptu wacky fashion show.



Angelica Hart lounges in a pile of snow.



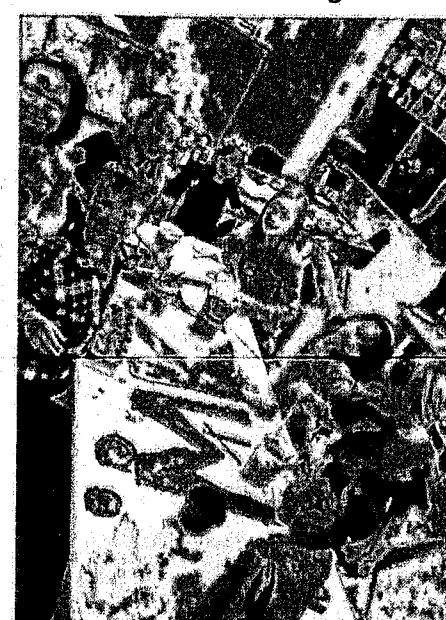
Odessa Files, Reid Johnston, Chelsea Duclos, Coy Smith, and Riley Jerome preparing a skit during theater.



Sawyer Coffin and Owen Gaul mix up a batch of brownies.



Seth Dupuis, Kimball Coolidge, Cyrus Mills, River Wilson, Will Myers, Ian Pecunies, and Noah Phelps are thrilled to play Apples to Apples with new staff member, Thomas Roberti.



Smiles all around as Olive Candura, Caelan Mulley, Gigi DeVivo, Maja Mulley, Silvia Saito, Rosie Barstow, Oliver Fredette, and Eliza Nellis work on our MKA/Zendoodle themed table!

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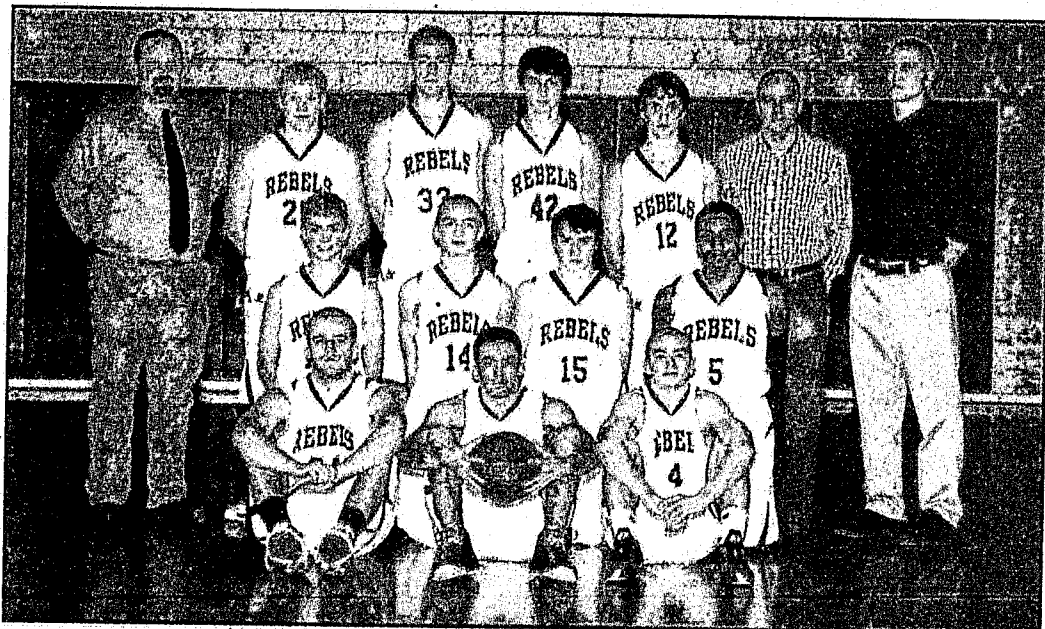
Telstar High School 2014-2015 Winter Sports Teams



TELSTAR HIGH SCHOOL 2014-2015 CROSS COUNTRY SKIING
Front: Marta Opie, Carla Boyle-Wight, Kaitlyn Brown, and Gabi Stone. Back: Coach Wade Kavanaugh, Gaelen Boyle-Wight, Elijah Laird, Greg Wheeler, Liam Gallagher, Kellen True, Josh Eliot, Coach Sarah Southam.



TELSTAR HIGH SCHOOL 2014-2015 ALPINE SKIING
Front: Paige Dutterer, Annalise Hawthorne, Liam Gallagher, Gabi Stone. Back: Luke Davis, Greg Wheeler, James Newkirk, Kellen True, Coach Kevin Hawthorne.



TELSTAR HIGH SCHOOL BOYS' BASKETBALL 2014-2015
Front: Zac Wheeler, Mike Dougherty, Maverik Griffin. Middle: Blake Rothwell, Avry Griffin, Zach Stone, Cameron Pike. Back: Coach Ryan Kimball, Jarrett Bean, Jeremiah Richardson, Tanner Wheeler, Aaron Vermette, Coach Michael Pelletier, Coach Matt Zinchuk.



TELSTAR HIGH SCHOOL 2014-2015 GIRLS' BASKETBALL
From left: Ashley Savage, Anna Montagna, Savanna Pelletier, Rebecca Howard, Haley Peterson, Naomi Carr, Blair Stevens, Kylee Martin.
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BY TOM REMINGTON

What's It All About "Alces alces"?

Alces alces is the scientific name for the moose. Almost nobody who thinks and talks like a real human would look to the side of the road and gasp, "Alces Alces! Look out

for the Alces alces!" Most in Maine these days just might, if they noticed, say, "Look! A moose."

The moose has, since its reincarnation, taken on a real iconic classification in Maine vaulting all the way to official state animal. But to some of the hard core Mainers, the moose is most affectionately called

a "Swamp Donkey."

The Swamp Donkey is in a bit of a trouble and state biologists are in the middle of a 5-year study to try to figure it all out. Nearly two years ago, officials captured and put radio collars on a group of about 30 female (cow) moose and 30 calves. Things didn't fare so well for the moose

as about 30 percent of the adult moose and 70 percent of cows didn't survive the winter. That's a bit higher mortality rate than managers would like to have in order to just sustain a herd.

So who or what's to blame? You pick the scapegoat. The easy way out is to blame global warming. I've more or less come to the conclusion that non thinkers rely too heavily on global warming — now with a name change to climate change. If climate change is the culprit then let's open the scientific study back up to learn more rather than shutting to door to "settled science."

There's a small critter called a winter tick. Moose pick them up from vegetation in the Fall season, when they are most active (the moose) and carry them until Spring, sometimes transporting tens of thousands of them. During their free ride they suck the moose's blood and irritate the heck out of them, much like watching a news broadcast does to me these days. While I can click the remote control and end the utter nonsense of lies from the TV media, the poor moose gets little relief. Aside from the loss of blood, the 24/7 harassment effects the normal habits of a moose trying to survive a harsh Maine winter. As a result, the winter mortality rate on moose goes sky high.

It's something few would really want to see.

It would appear as though the winter tick is the culprit but what to do about it? I'm not sure moose biologists know enough about the winter tick. The media only repeats what someone has told them that global warming is causing the overblown population of winter ticks. If you study reports about ticks, and there aren't very many, you will discover that global warming, at least in the context it is so ignorantly used, is not really the cause of increased numbers of ticks. Some say a good old fashioned winter will take care of the ticks, but it really won't. The only possible hope might come in the Spring when the blood-engorged ticks drop off the moose to begin their life cycle all over again. If unfavorable conditions persist that would kill off the ticks, no so many will survive into the next Fall. Don't hold your breath waiting for that to happen.

Actually, consistent and steady stiff winds in the Fall are more effective. During the late Summer and early Fall, winter ticks climb vegetation where they wait to ambush a passing moose for that warm and free winter ride, over the river and through the woods. If winds are right, the ticks get blown from the vegetation and land back on the ground. The process of

getting back up on the vegetation is time consuming. By then, perhaps the moose has slowed down its frequent travels that coincide with mating season. Fewer ticks improves the chances of moose survival.

But, we can't control the weather can we. Can we? I guess I'll leave that for another report. Just the existence of a large moose herd will perpetuate the winter tick problem. I'm no different than any other wildlife lover. I enjoy seeing a moose once in a while but for wildlife managers to base their management plans on providing enough moose for watchers, maybe that act, in and of itself, has contributed to the growth of a very blood thirsty winter tick population. Or maybe it's the only reason moose are dying from winter ticks. Is it in the best interest of the moose?

It is something to think about. Many years ago, state fish and game departments nationwide, became fish and wildlife or natural resource managers at which time they began managing wildlife according to social demands more than scientific needs. While the social aspect is important, we shouldn't be creating unhealthy species of wildlife when sound science might be telling us something else.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

District Exchange; Bethel Park, 23 Mason Street, Bethel. Hours: Monday 1 to 4 p.m., Thursday 4 to 6 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Donations of gently-used clothing only accepted during open hours - No exceptions. FMI: 824-4090. Clothing may also be left at Northeast Bank, Main Street, Bethel Monday through Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Thursday and Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Saturday 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

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"Civil War Stories" Book Discussion; A book discussion on "Civil War Stories" by Ambrose Bierce will take place at the Bethel Library March 4 at 7 p.m., led by Doug Rawlings, representing the Maine Historical Society and The Maine Humanities Council. Books are available at the Bethel Library. The discussion is part of the "Local & Legendary: Maine in the Civil War" project, a joint effort by Gould Academy, the Bethel Historical Society and the Bethel Library Association.

Thursday, Feb. 19

Hope Assn. Winter Fashion Show; 85 Lincoln Avenue, Rumford. The Glee Club entertains at 12:00 noon followed at 12:15 by the Fashion Show. Come to the fashion show and see examples of clothing available at the What Not Shop. The What Not Shop will have Fill-A-Bag (clothing only) for \$5.

Open Mic/Pizza Night with the Shadagee Ramblers; 6 p.m., Loose Boots Lounge, Mt. Abram.

Saturday, Feb. 21

Running a Sustainable Dairy; 11:30 a.m., Old Squire's Farm Market, 493 Main Street Norway. Presented by Heidi Durgin.

Fly Fishing 101; 12 to 3 p.m., First Congregational Church, 17 East Main Street, South Paris. Four presentations: "Understanding Fly Tackle" by Dick Walthers, Master Maine Guide; "The Biology of Fish/Natural Foods for Fish" by John Wight, Master Maine Guide; "Fly Fishing Tactics" by Jim Mullen, Fly Tye Extraordinaire; "How to Fly Cast" by Mike McCue, F.F.F., Certified Casting Instructor.

Windy Valley Snowmobile Club Public Supper; 5 to 7 p.m., Newry Grange Hall. Oyster stew, spaghetti, rolls, coleslaw, beverages and dessert. Adults/\$7, Children 12 and under/\$5.

Sunday, Feb. 22

Funky Divas of Gospel; 2 p.m., St. Kieran Community Center for the Arts, 155 Emery Street, Berlin, N.H. Tickets: \$15/adults, \$10/minors. FMI: (603) 752-1028 or information@stkieranarts.org.

Monday, Feb. 23

Essentials of College Planning for adults 19 and over; 10 a.m., Western Maine University and Community College Center, South Paris. FMI/Registration: 1-800-281-3703 or http://meoc.maine.edu. Free and open to the public.

SeniorsPlus; 1 to 4 p.m., Fryeburg Public Library. Representatives from SeniorsPlus, the Area Agency on Aging, will be on hand to answer any questions or concerns you may have. Free and open to the public. FMI/appointments: 1-800-427-1241.

Wednesday, Feb. 25

McLaughlin Garden Lecture; 4 p.m., 103 Main Street South Paris. Dr. Rick Churchill will present "Fort Williams Arboretum." He has been involved in reclaiming and replanting this Cape Elizabeth waterfront landscape. Dr. Rick, as he is known, is the former chairman of the horticultural program at Southern Maine Community College and well known from People, Places and Plants magazine. Free and open to the public.

Community Supper (No Charge); 4:30 to 6 p.m., Bethel Alliance Church, 251 Walkers Mills Road (across from Telstar parking lot). Call 207-824-2289 for more information.

Thursday, Feb. 26

Fourth Thursday Poetry Program; 5:30 to 7 p.m., Rumford Public Library. Bring a poem, your own or a favorite poet's, to read aloud and discuss. Light refreshments. Free and open to the public. FMI: 364-3661.

Open Mic/Pizza Night with the Shadagee Ramblers; 6 p.m., Loose Boots Lounge, Mt. Abram.

Saturday, Feb. 28

Full Moon Hike; 5:30 to 8 p.m., Mt. Abram. Mt. Abram staff will transport skis and boards to the top so participants can enjoy the hike to the top and then ski/ride to the bottom by the light of the full moon. Post-hike music with Skosh begins at 8 p.m. in Loose Boots Lounge.

Sunday, March 1

Bethel Senior Citizen Reservation Deadline; Last day to make reservations for the March 11 Bethel Senior Citizens meeting. FMI: See full listing under March 11.

Monday, March 2

Essentials of College Planning for adults 19 and over; 10 a.m., Western Maine University and Community College Center, South Paris. FMI/Registration: 1-800-281-3703 or http://meoc.maine.edu. Free and open to the public.

Socrates Café Meeting; 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Waterford Library. Topic: "Does Climate Change Change Everything?" Moderator: Bart Hague. Light refreshments provided. FMI/Snow Dates: 583-6957.

Tuesday, March 3

Newry Town Meeting; 7 p.m. at the Grange Hall.

Wednesday, March 4

McLaughlin Garden Lecture; 4 p.m., 103 Main Street South Paris. Rex Beisel and Craig Cote will present "Evolution of a Garden," describing how they landscaped their property and made room for hundreds of varieties of day-lilies. Free and open to the public.

Thursday, March 5

Social Media Workshop; 9 to 10:30 a.m., the Bethel Inn Resort, 21 Broad Street. Linda Varrell, Founder and President of Broadreach Public Relations, will provide an in-depth look at creating content on social media that is memorable, attracts, engages and delights, resulting in likes, fans, follows and leads. Through the lens of multiple plat-

forms (i.e., Twitter, LinkedIn, Pinterest, Instagram, Facebook), Linda will discuss aspects of social media marketing from developing a story to publishing content across all social media channels. \$25 for Oxford County chamber members, \$30 for non-chamber. FMI/Registration: www.wmedc.org or Mia Purcell (739-6543) or mpurcell@community-concepts.org).

Open Mic/Pizza Night with the Shadagee Ramblers; 6 p.m., Loose Boots Lounge, Mt. Abram.

March 5 and 12

First Aid and CPR; 6 to 9 p.m. March 5 and 6 to 9:30 p.m. March 12. Jeannine Thornton teaches these classes at the Bethel Family Health Center. CPR includes; adult, child & infant CPR; obstructed airway. First Aid includes; burns, controlling bleeding, broken bones, poisoning, soft tissue injuries, heat & cold exposure, bandaging. You will receive a 3-year certificate in First Aid and a 1-year certificate in CPR.

Friday, March 6

World Day of Prayer; 2 p.m., West Parish Congregational Church, Church Street, Bethel. Sponsored by the Bethel Methodist Church and Episcopal House Church. FMI: Caroline Gould (824-3226). Snow date: Friday, March 13.

Saturday, March 7

American Legion Post 72 Indoor Yard Sale; 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Church Street, South Paris. To reserve your table, call Jean (743-7965). Yard sale tables are \$10, vendor tables are \$15. Lunch counter will be open, 50/50 raffle and raffle baskets. Come join the fun and help support the ladies auxiliary send three young ladies to Girl State.

The Corvettes Doo Wop Revue; 7:30 p.m., Leura Hill Eastman Performing Arts Center, 18 Bradley Street, Fryeburg. Some of the great hits you might expect to hear at a Corvettes concert include Come Go with Me, Earth Angel, Rock Around The Clock, and many more! Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$15 for seniors and \$5 for kids. Preorder online at www.fryeburgacademy.org/tickets or by calling the box office at 207-935-9232.

Wednesday, March 11

Bethel Senior Citizens Club Meeting; 11 a.m. (doors open at 10:45), Crossstone Restaurant, Woodstock. Menu: Fish or chicken, \$10 per person. Reservations must be made prior to March 1 by calling Arlene Lowell at 824-2877.

Sunday, March 15

The Asylum Quartet; 2 p.m., St. Kieran Community Center for the Arts, 155 Emery Street, Berlin, N.H. Award-winning saxophone chamber group. Tickets: \$12/adults, \$8/minors. FMI: (603) 752-1028 or information@stkieranarts.org.

Monday, March 16

Essentials of College Planning for adults 19 and over; 10 a.m., Western Maine University and Community College Center, South Paris. FMI/Registration: 1-800-281-3703 or http://meoc.maine.edu. Free and open to the public.

Wednesday, March 18

McLaughlin Garden Lecture; 4 p.m., 103 Main Street South Paris. Jean Potuchek will present "Garden Blogs: A Virtual Garden Club." Free and open to the public.

Regular meetings and events

MUNICIPAL

Bethel Selectmen: Second Monday of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Bethel Planning Board: Second and fourth Wednesdays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Bethel Water District: Third Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Gilead Selectmen: Second Wednesdays of the month, 6 p.m., Town Office.

Gilead Planning Board: First Thursdays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Greenwood Selectmen: First and third Tuesdays of the month, 5 p.m., Town Office.

Hanover Selectmen: Third Tuesday of the month, 6 p.m. unless otherwise posted.

Hanover Planning Board: First Wednesday, 6 p.m.

Newry Selectmen: First and third Tuesdays of the month, 5 p.m., Town Office.

Newry Planning Board: First and third Wednesdays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Woodstock Selectmen: First and third Tuesdays, 5 p.m., Town Office.

Woodstock Planning Board: First and third Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Town Office.

SAD 44 School Board: Second Monday of the month, 6:30 p.m., Telstar High School (occasionally meet at other schools; call 824-2185 for info).

ORGANIZATIONS

Andover

Sundays, 6 p.m. Andover School Withdrawal Committee meets.

Mondays and Tuesdays, 4:30 p.m. Andover Fitness Club, Andover Elementary School gym.

Bethel

First Sunday of month, 7 p.m. - Bethel Snow Twisters at 208 Walkers Mills Rd.

Third Sunday of each month, 9 a.m. - Breakfast open to the public at no charge at Bethel Church of the Nazarene.

Tuesdays, 5:30 p.m. - Bethel Bicycle/Western Maine Velo road cycling rides, departing from Bethel Bicycle. Please call 824-0100 for more information and/or go to our FB page, all rides are posted there.

First Wednesday, 6:30-8 p.m. - Lyme Disease Support & Education Group at Beacon House Peer Center, 3 Canal St. Rumford. FMI: 357-1926 or 824-3076. (Note: the Bethel meeting has been discontinued until spring)

Third Wednesday, 6:30-8 p.m. - Lyme Disease Support & Education Group at Telstar High School Library (currently discontinued until spring). FMI: 357-1926 or 824-3076.

Last Wednesday of the month, 4:30 to 6 p.m. - Community Supper at Bethel Alliance Church. No charge. FMI: 207-824-2289.

Thursdays, 10 to 11 a.m. - Story Time for Children at Bethel Library (story plus craft) with participating mothers. October thru April. FMI: call 824-2520.

Second Thursday of the month, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; **fourth Thursday,** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. - Cross Country Quilters of Pine Tree Quilt Guild of Maine meet at the Alliance Church on Route 26 in Bethel. All quilters welcome. FMI: e-mail Pat McCartney at p_quilts@yahoo.com or call 836-3575.

Greenwood

Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. - Outdoor Market at Northern Roots Grow Supply, 3 Bird Hill Rd., Greenwood. Vendors welcome at no charge. Until early September.

Woodstock

Second Saturday of month, 6 p.m. - Woodstock Histori-

cal Society meeting at the Museum.

Norway/Paris/West Paris

Tuesdays 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. West Paris Baptist Church group to foster wellness for anyone searching for faith based support. The group is intended for those facing the challenges of grief, loss, addiction, codependency, and abuse issues. Light refreshments will be provided.

Third Wednesday of the month, Women's Imaging Center, Stephens Memorial Hospital, Norway, offering professional prosthetic and bra fittings for women on for appointment call 743-5993 Ext. 687

Second Thursday of the month, 9 to 11:30 a.m. at the Harper Conference Center, Ripley Medical Office Building, 193 Main Street, Norway. Staying on Your Feet, a free one-time course for adults aged 60 and over. Course includes balance screening, blood pressure check, leg-strength measurement, and education on staying fit.

Fridays 9:15 a.m. - Oxford Hills Duplicate Bridge, Norway. For more information, call Les Buzzell at 783-4153 or 754-9153; or e-mail: buzz116@my.arpoint.net.

Hebron

Sundays 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. - Seasonal Public Skating, Robinson Arena, Hebron. Adults, \$3/Children 12 and under, \$2/WinterKids Passport holders, free. FMI: 966-2100.

Support services

SAFE Voices

Safe Voices serves all of Oxford County and provides emergency shelter, court advocacy and support groups with child care. Rumford office 369-0750; Norway office 743-5806; 24 hour hotline 1-800-559-2927

REACH

Rape Education and Crisis Hotline 1-800-871-7741. Sexual assault/sexual abuse hotline, same number. Support groups and awareness education, past or present victims of abuse.

AA Meetings/Addiction help

Bethel Freedom Group. Open Discussion Meeting. Saturdays at 4:30 in the Snow Cap Inn conference room, next to the fitness room. Sunday River. Seasonal, Thanksgiving through April 1. Big Book Meeting Sundays at 6 p.m. at the United Methodist Church, Main Street. 12 Step/Traditions Meeting Tuesdays at 6pm at the United Methodist Church, Main Street. Candlelight Discussion Meeting Fridays at 6 p.m. at Bethel United Methodist Church, Main Street.

People in recovery from alcohol/drug addiction may need to move to a Next Step group. Open to everyone who feels they may benefit from a change. FMI: Laurence Austin at 824-4077 (calls confidential)

Cancer Wellness

Support and Education for cancer patients, survivors and caregivers. Every Thursday, 1:30 to 3 p.m. Rumford Hospital, Room 357. (877) 336-7287. Call to confirm in stormy weather.

Exchanges/Pantries

Clothing Exchange

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Help for the Homeless

Rumford Group Homes, Inc. operates three homeless shelters, a Maternity Group Home program for homeless pregnant and parenting youth ages 18-21 and Case Management services. Emergency shelter services include the South Paris Men's Shelter, the Norway Family Center for women and their children and the Rumford Family Center for homeless families. To make a referral or to request assistance, please call 743-6363 in the Norway area or 369-9439 in the Rumford area Monday through Friday from 9am-5pm. For more information about Rumford Group Homes, Inc., call 364-3551 or visit www.rumfordgrouphomes.org.

Mental illness

Beacon House Social Club, 150 Congress Street, Rumford, a drop-in social club for adults suffering with mental, emotional, or physical illness, provides support, relaxation, and socialization. Monday 1 to 5 p.m.; Tuesday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Wednesday 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Wednesday 3 to 8 p.m.; Friday 2 to 7 p.m.; Saturday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oxford County Mental Health Services, support for adults and children with mental illness, same location, second floor, open Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call 364-3549 or (800) 335-9999, or in off-hours 928-3222.

Veterans' Services

Maine Veterans Home, S. Paris, Veterans' Advocate visits first and third Wednesday each month, 9-12 noon (743-6300); Rumford 9 to 12 noon second Thursday at VA Clinic at 431 Franklin St. (369-3272). Maine Veterans' Services is located at 29 Westminster St., Lewiston (783-5306). (No visits in July)

Multiple services

Community Concepts provides Oxford County Head Start, childcare, free rides to Maine Care appointments, subsidized apartments (Bethel, Brownfield, Fryeburg, Norway, Rumford, South Paris), affordable home-ownership opportunities, homeless shelter and assistance with home heating or weatherizing. FMI: call (800) 866-5588 or visit www.community-concepts.org.

Alzheimer's Support

An Alzheimer's Support Group meets the 3rd Wednesday of every month from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Rumford Community Home located at 11 John F. Kennedy Lane. All are welcome. For more information call Sue Ellen Richardson, Social Service Director or Terry Drury, Residential Director at 364-7863.

Brain injury support

Brain Injury Support Group for individuals with brain injuries and their families. West Side NeuroRehab, 618 Main St., Lewiston. First Monday of the month, 6 to 8 p.m. FMI: Deb Hammer 795-6110.

Library hours

Andover Library: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday 1 to 4:30 pm; Thursday 1 to 4:30 & 6 to 8 p.m. Tel: 392-4841

Bethel Library: Monday 9 to 1; Tuesday 1-5; Wednesday 1 to 8; Thursday & Friday 1 to 5 Saturday, 9 to 1. Story Hour Thursdays, 9 to 10 a.m., October to May. Tel: 824-2520.

Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond: Tel: 665-2505. Tuesday and Thursday, 1 to 5 p.m.

West Paris Library, West Paris: Monday 1:30 to 6; Wednesday 1:30 to 7; Friday 1:30 to 6; Saturday 10 to 2. Patty Makley, Librarian. Tel: 674-2004

Gardner Roberts Memorial Library, Hanover: Wednesday, 9 to 3; Thursday, 5 to 8; Saturday, 9 to noon.

Calendar items: Calendar items may be brought to the Citizen office, e-mailed to news@bethelcitizen.com or faxed 824-2426. Deadline is Monday at Noon.

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Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

CODED RIDDLE

Change each letter to the one that comes immediately BEFORE it in the alphabet to find a riddle and its answer.

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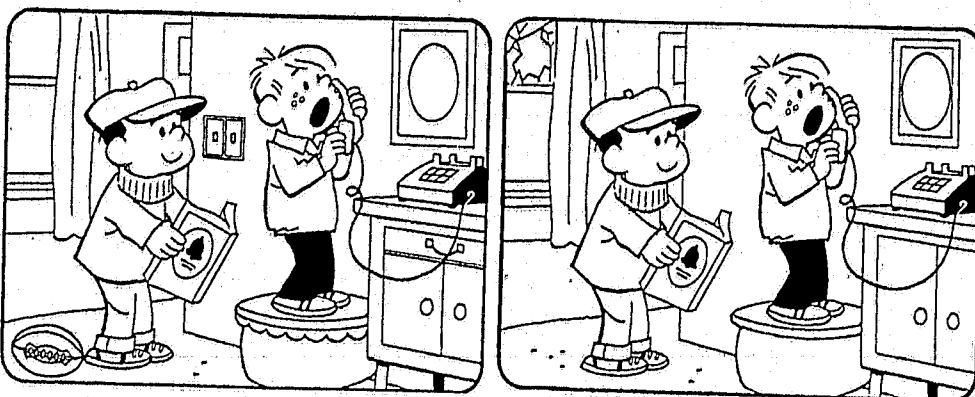
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences:
1. Window is broken. 2. Football is missing. 3. Light switch is missing. 4. Hassock ruffle is missing. 5. Picture is smaller. 6. Cabinet drawer is missing.

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CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: D equals E

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RGCV P BRCT PGM RK PYY QT

URXKDYO, XRSUC UD QD BPYYDM

CUD YVGD KCWPGSDW?

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SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

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TODAY'S WORD



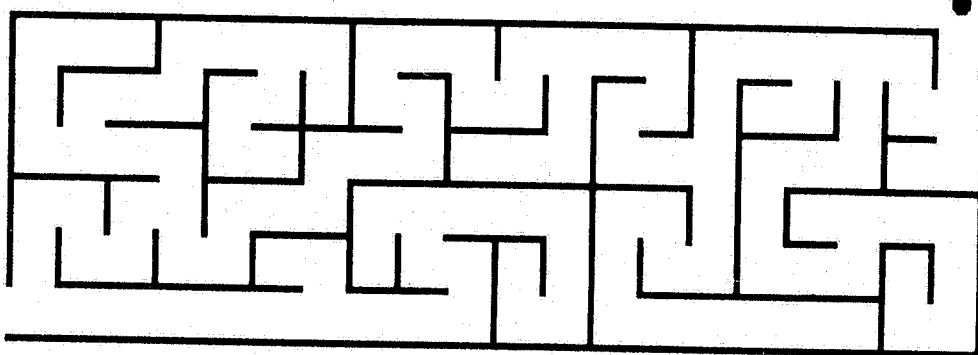
"I guess you were wondering why I never returned your extension"

Super Crossword

SHALL I COMPARE THEE?

- ACROSS
- 1 Scared
 - 7 Side of a cut gem
 - 12 Fighting junk e-mail
 - 20 GMC truck
 - 21 Sun's god
 - 22 "Mona Lisa" painter
 - 23 Dances wearing more frills?
 - 25 Easily caught baseball hits
 - 26 TV reception enhancers
 - 27 Tend the soil
 - 29 Court mallets
 - 30 SSG., e.g.
 - 31 Steel city in the Ruhr
 - 33 Feldman acting more bashfully?
 - 36 Time spent in office
 - 38 Rubbish
 - 41 Angry with
 - 42 "Modern Family" airer
 - 45 Certain quadrilateral
 - 47 One who's worshiped
 - 51 Griffin suffering more pain?
- DOWN
- 56 Vacuum tube variety
 - 58 Pastoral tract
 - 59 Spanish for "houses"
 - 60 Prefix with mobile
 - 63 Charles of chair design
 - 64 Founding father
 - 66 Hemingway feeling more uptight?
 - 69 Noblewoman
 - 70 Flowers from Mexico
 - 72 Med. scans
 - 73 Fisher using more oil-color language?
 - 76 Believing in one God
 - 80 "Remember the—!"
 - 81 "Splendor in the Grass" director
 - 82 John of lawn tractors
 - 83 I, to Klaus
 - 84 Import
 - 86 Allen being more sly?
 - 90 Venue
 - 91 Big company, investment-wise
 - 94 Swirly letter
 - 95 Around, as a year
 - 96 Warble
 - 99 "I— film today ..."
 - 103 Buck looking more sickly?
 - 108 Nobelist
 - 109 Bohr
 - 111 Fleur-de— (iris)
 - 112 Andean pack animals
 - 113 Light collision
 - 116 Minnow, e.g.
 - 118 Weird things
 - 121 Duchamp showing more serenity?
 - 123 Chastised loudly
 - 124 Kowtow, say
 - 125 Brown slowly
 - 126 Grinning
 - 127 Nobelist Irish poet
 - 128 Roccoco
 - 1 Leaning
 - 2 Engaged man
 - 3 Parish leader
 - 4 Singer
 - 5 Papas of "Z"
 - 6 Mends, as holey socks
 - 7 Less true
 - 8 — carle menu
 - 9 Film teaser
 - 10 British noble
 - 11 2003-07 Fox drama series
 - 12 High mount
 - 13 Revived: Prefix
 - 14 First-rate
 - 15 "Actually ..."
 - 16 Gunfire burst
 - 17 Nosy sort
 - 18 "Someone Like You" singer
 - 19 Lichen-filled
 - 24 Film's actors
 - 28 Uterus
 - 32 Drug busters
 - 34 Hoopster
 - 35 Newspaper employee
 - 37 — tai
 - 39 "Button III"
 - 40 — polloi
 - 43 Happened to
 - 44 "Mad Money" host Jim
 - 46 Bad guy
 - 47 Pakistanis' neighbors
 - 48 Not foreign, as policy
 - 49 Lyric works
 - 50 "Judge not, — ye be judged"
 - 51 Tirana's land: Abbr.
 - 52 Dee lead-in
 - 53 Vendor's pushable vehicle
 - 54 "Do — say, not ..."
 - 55 "Grease" director
 - 57 Hunting dogs
 - 61 Old Glory's country
 - 62 One being examined
 - 65 "Thor" actress
 - 66 Old Balkan region
 - 67 Lilly of drugs
 - 68 Come to light
 - 71 Jackie's #2
 - 73 "Cursest"
 - 74 Jai —
 - 75 Basso Siepi
 - 77 That girl's
 - 78 Here, to Fifi
 - 79 Fidel's friend
 - 82 Immerse
 - 85 Opposite
 - 87 Pretend
 - 88 Long-jawed fish
 - 89 Biblical beast
 - 92 Philips rival
 - 93 Altire
 - 95 Lunar feature
 - 97 Defames in writing
 - 98 — jel
 - 100 Keys of R&B
 - 101 Least naive
 - 102 Singor
 - 103 Ruses
 - 104 John on the Mayflower
 - 105 Chill server
 - 106 Boxer
 - 107 Fortuitous
 - 109 Pole dance?
 - 110 "Oh My My" singer
 - 114 Lion's locks
 - 115 "SOS!" e.g.
 - 117 Drescher or Tarkenton
 - 119 Gift for music
 - 120 Many GPS lines: Abbr.
 - 122 Gathered

Kids' Maze

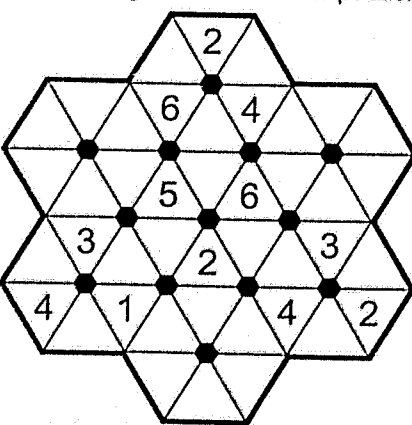


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SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the numbers 1 - 6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.



DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

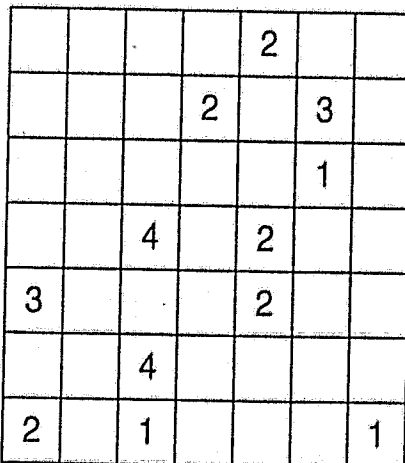
◆ Easy ◆◆ Medium ◆◆◆ Difficult

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Star★Map

By Linda Thistle

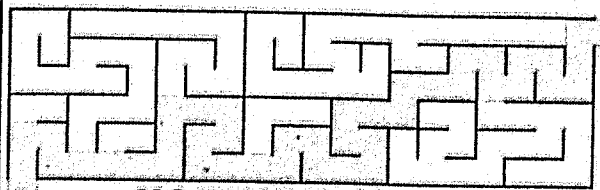
Draw a star in exactly 10 of the empty squares in the diagram below so that each numbered square accurately indicates how many immediately adjacent squares (horizontally, vertically or diagonally) contain a star.



DIFFICULTY: ★★

★ Easy ★★ Moderate ★★ YOWZAI

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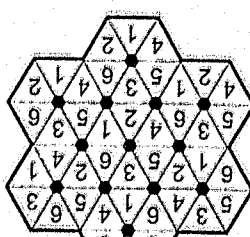


Kids' Maze Solution

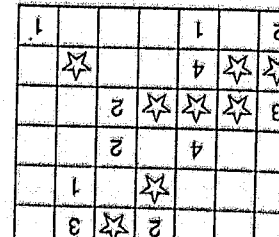
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Today's Word
LADDER
If a foreigner comes into a city and is called himself, might he be called the Lone Stranger?

CryptoQuip
Answer
They hoarse around.

Puzzles4Kids
Answer
How do ranch workers get a lot of laughs?



SNOWFLAKES solution



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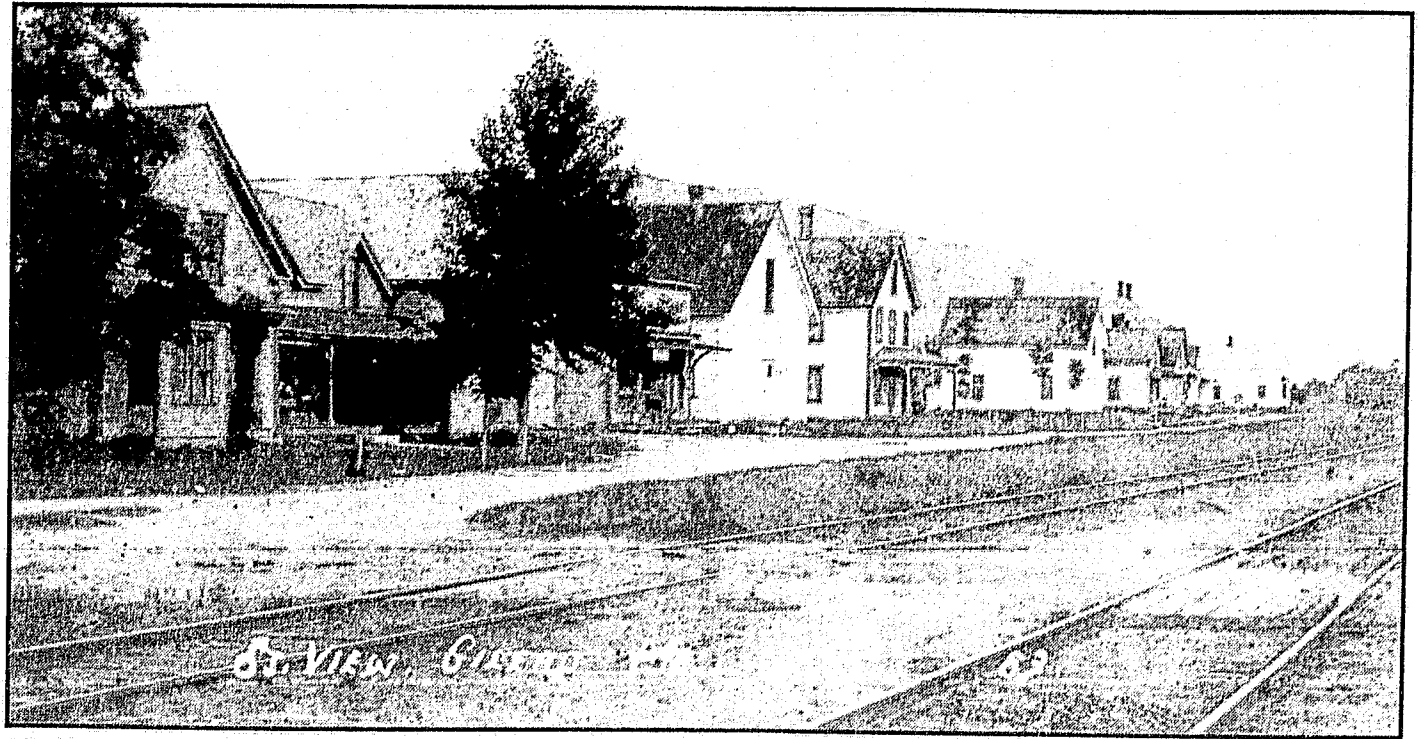
ANSWERS:

Norway Library new book list

Fiction
 Allen, Sarah Addison - First Frost; Blackwood, Scott - See How Small; Blake, Toni - Love Me If You Dare; Bradley, Alan - As Chimney Sweepers Come to Dust; Buwalda, Peter - Bonita Avenue; Christie, Michael - If I Fall, If I Die; Cornwell, Bernard - The Empty Throne; Crumme, Michael - Sweetland; Estleman, Loren D. - You Know Who Killed Me; Flanagan, Richard - The Narrow Road to the Deep North; Geary, Valerie - Crooked River; Gerritsen, Tess - Die Again; Greaney, Mark - Tom Clancy Full Force and Effect; Green, Jane - Saving Grace; Griffin, W.E.B. - The Assassination Option; Grippando, James - Cane and Abe; Hall, Parnell - Puzzled Indemnity; Hawkins, Paula - The Girl on the Train; Harrison, Mette Ivie - The Bishop's Wife; Higgins, Jack - Rain on the Dead; Hill, Susan - The Soul of Discretion; Hoag, Tami - Cold Cold Heart; Hooper, Emma - Etta and Otto and Russell and James; Knott, Robert - Robert B. Parker's The Bridge; Koontz, Dean - Saint Odd; Krentz, Jayne Ann - Trust No One; Michaels, Fern - Eyes Only; Muller, Marcia - The Body

Snatchers; O'Nan, Stewart - West of Sunset; Parmar, Priya - Vanessa and Her Sister; Pelecanos, George - The Martini Shot: A Novella and Stories; Perry, Thomas - A String of Beads; Peterson, Tracie - Steadfast Heart; Robertson, Imogen - The Paris Winter; Scotton, Christopher - The Secret Wisdom of the Earth; Silver, Dina - The Unimaginable; Sims, Graeme - The Rosie Effect; Sullivan, Mark - Thief; Taylor, Brad - No Fortunate Son; Todd, Charles - A Fine Summer's Day; Woods, Sherry - Dogwood Hill; Woods, Stuart - Insatiable Appetites

Nonfiction
 Morin, Amy - 13 Things Mentally Strong People Don't Do; Moore, Wes - The Work: The Search for a Life That Matters; Toumani, Meline - There Was and There Was Not; McCraith, Sheila - Yell Less, Love More: How the Orange Rhino Mom Stopped Yelling at Her Kids and How You Can Too; Sowell, Thomas - Basic Economics: A Common Sense Guide to the Economy; Rubio, Marco - American Dreams: Restoring Economic Opportunity for Everyone; Volandes, Angelo E. - The Conversation: A Revolutionary Plan for End-of-Life Care; Zuckoff,



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Mitchell - 13 Hours: The Inside Account of What Really Happened in Benghazi; Davis, Joshua - Spare Parts: Four Undocumented Teenager, One Ugly Robot, and the Battle for the American Dream; Pollan, Corcoran - The Pollan Family Table: The Best Recipes and Kitchen Wisdom for Delicious, Healthy Family Meals; Kondo, Marie - The Life Changing Magic of Tidying Up: The Japanese Art of De-

cluttering and Organizing; Tate, Carson - Work Simply: Embracing the Power of Your Personal Productive Style; Hung, Steph - Make and Give: Simple and Modern Crafts to Brighten Every Day; Occhipinti, Lisa - Novel Living: Collecting, Decorating, and Crafting with Books; Maraniss, Andrew - Strong Inside: Perry Wallace and the Collision of Race and Sports in the South; Wulff, Lee - Bush Pi-

lot Angler; Sousa, Sarah - Church of Needles; Foner, Eric - Gateway to Freedom: The Hidden History of the Underground Railroad

Biography
 Borman, Tracy - Thomas Cromwell: The Untold Story of Henry VIII's Most Faithful Servant; Close, Jessie - Resilience: Two Sisters and a Story of Mental Illness; Gorokhova, Elena - Russian Tattoo: A Memoir; Poehler, Amy - Yes Please

Maine Fiction
 Graves, Sarah - Winter at the Door; Wait, Lea - Twisted Threads

DVDs
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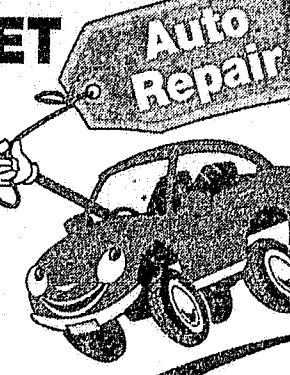
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1638 Intervale Road, Bethel, ME 04217	1:00-3:00pm
10 Appalachian Drive, Newry, ME 04261	1:00-3:00pm
15 Philbrook Street, Bethel, ME 04217	3:00-5:00pm
135 Vernon Street, Unit 6D, Bethel, ME 04217	3:00-5:00pm
17 Look Amoose Drive, Bethel, ME 04217	3:00-5:00pm
74 Fairway Road, Unit 572, Bethel, ME 04217	3:00-5:00pm

FRIDAY 2/20/15

10 Brookside Drive, Unit 1A405, Newry ME 04261	11:00-2:00pm
6 Blizzard Drive, Newry, ME 04261	12:00-1:00pm
21 Pine Haven Road, Bethel, ME 04217	1:00-3:00pm
17 Look Amoose Drive, Bethel, ME 04217	1:00-3:00pm
24 Cherry Lane Unit # 43 RiverBend Condo, Newry, ME	2:00-4:00pm
52 Forest Drive, Bethel, ME 04217	2:00-5:00pm
10 Appalachian Drive, Newry, ME, 04261	3:00-5:00pm
203 Vernon Street, Bethel, ME 04217	3:00-5:00pm

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18 Clark Street, Bethel, ME 04217	1:00-3:00pm
68 Elm Street, Bethel, ME 04217	1:00-3:00pm
1009 Sunday River Road, Newry ME 04261	1:00-3:00pm
70 Mountain Valley Road, Bethel, ME 04217	3:00-5:00pm
8 Fall Line Drive, Unit N103, Newry, ME 04261	3:00-5:00pm
71 Vail Drive, Newry, ME 04261	3:00-5:00pm

SUNDAY 2/22/15

6 Blizzard Drive, Newry, ME 04261	12:00-1:00pm
10 Appalachian Drive, Newry, ME 04261	1:00-3:00pm
1026 South Main (Route 26), Woodstock, ME 04219	2:00-4:00pm
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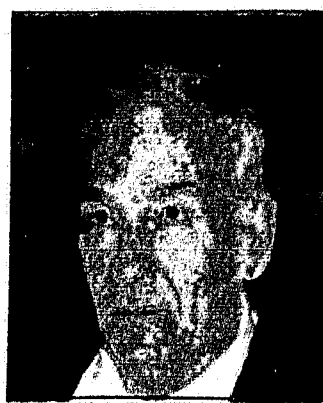
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HANSON A. MORTON

Hanson A. "Hank" Morton, Sr., 79, of Andover died peacefully at home with his loving family by his side on Sunday, Feb. 15, 2015. He was born on Oct. 31, 1935 in Andover, to Eldwin and Dora (Hutchins) Morton. He attended Andover schools through the eleventh grade. Hank worked at Andover Wood Products all his life except when he was drafted into the Army on Sept. 12, 1958. He com-

pleted basic training at Fort Dix, N.J., then went on to Fort Sam Houston in Texas where he trained as a Medical Specialist. He worked in the AMEDS Co. at Brooke General Hospital until he was honorably discharged on Sept. 9, 1960. Hank married Elaine Jodrey on March 29, 1958 in Andover. Together they celebrated 56 years of marriage. They made their home in Andover where they raised nine children.

He enjoyed snowmobiling, riding his 4-wheeler, going for Sunday rides, and when the kids were young he often took them to camp. He loved to watch the hummingbirds and other animals from his favorite spot on the front porch. He instilled love of nature in all his children. He loved country music. Hank is survived by his wife, Elaine; three

sons, Hanson Jr., John and Robert and companion Lynda Airhart, all of Andover; six daughters, Dorothy Swan and companion Mike Hart of Bethel, Cheryl Rockwood and husband Rick of Andover, Pamela Chartier and husband Daniel, Paula Miceli and husband Anthony, Debra Gauvin and husband Rick, all of Rumford and Betsy Morton of Andover; his grandchildren, Rebecca Morton Gren, Kessie Cox, Rebecca and Douglas Swan and companion Bethany Danforth, Marissa and Kyle Gauvin, Kayla, Joseph, Christopher and Bryan Morton, Corbin Salway, Alan and Ryan Theriault and great-grandson, Grady Swan, who will arrive any day; two brothers, Owen and Wayne Morton of Andover, and a sister Priscilla Hodgkins of Roxbury. He also leaves behind his beloved cat, "Catdog."

He was predeceased by his parents, Eldwin and Dora Morton and brothers, George, Otis and Hugh Morton.

Friends are invited to sign the family guest book and share their thoughts, condolences and memories online at www.meadersandson.com

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2015 at the Andover Congregational Church with Pastor Linda Couture officiating. Interment in the spring will be at the Woodlawn Cemetery, Andover. Arrangements are under the care of Meader & Son Funeral Home 3 Franklin Street, P.O. Box 537,

Rumford, Maine 04276. In lieu of flowers, please contribute to the Andover Rescue, P.O. Box 219, Andover, Maine 04216 in his memory.



HERMAN PALMER

Herman E. Palmer, 76, of Bryant Pond died Tuesday, Feb. 17 at his home.

He was born in Greenwood on Feb. 4, 1939 the son of Osman S. and Vivian A. Chayer Palmer. He attended school in Greenwood and Gould Academy and graduated from Lisbon High School. He married Nancy Hinkley on Nov. 5, 1960.

He worked for Sterling Mills' and then worked for P. H. Chadbourne Co. for 23 years. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, smelting and trips to the casino.

He is survived by his wife, Nancy of Bryant Pond; son Joe and Cindy of Bethel, daughter Violet of North Carolina, son Vincent and Diane of Bryant Pond, son Stephen and Kendra of Milton, daughter Wanda and Kevin of Bryant Pond, son Scott and Tina of Greenwood; like a son Paul Edmunds and fami-

ly; 15 grandchildren; and a brother Francis Palmer of Locke Mills. He was predeceased by sisters Elizabeth Bailey, Rose Batchelder and Eunice Hathaway; and brothers Osmond Palmer and Wayne Palmer.

Graveside services will be held in the spring, time and date to be announced.

Online condolences may be shared with his family at www.chandlerfunerals.com



JOHN NEALE RICHARDSON

John Neale Richardson (Jack) died at his home on Paris Hill Thursday, Feb. 12, 2015. He was 73.

Jack was the son of Solon and Lilymae K. Richardson of Sugar Hill N.H., where his family owned and operated the Caramat Inn, 1923-1979.

He served in the United States Air Force as an aircraft mechanic from 1962-1966, and went on to graduate from George Washington University, Washington D.C., in 1970. In 1975 he graduated from the FBI Academy in Quantico, Va.

In 1968 Jack married Kathleen (Kathy) Bean who was then teaching in Littleton N.H. Jack and Kathy moved to the Washington D.C. area, and lived in Alexandria and Oakton Va., along with their son Chris and daughter Becky, until

1995. Jack was with the FBI in D.C. as a fingerprint technician, 1968-1970; he later became a Special Agent, and served in that capacity from 1975-1995. In 1995 he retired from the FBI, with 23 years active service; he and Kathy then moved to Paris.

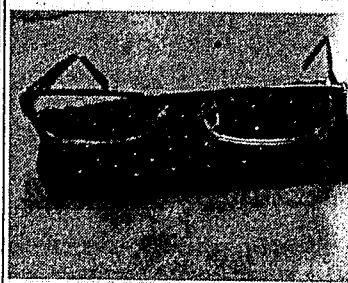
From 1997 to 2014 Jack worked for the FBI, as well as other US government agencies, as a security investigator-contractor. In addition, utilizing his love - and skill - of building and renovating, he turned some of his furniture restoration into a part time business.

Jack had been an active participant in municipal affairs of the Town of Paris since 1996, and was a proud member of the Oxford Hills Rotary Club from 1997 to the present. Both he and Kathy have been very active in the historic community of Paris Hill where they live, and have been involved with the Hamlin Memorial Library & Museum, as well as the Paris Hill Community Club.

Jack is survived by his wife, Kathy; his son Christopher Solon and daughter-in-law Megan Concannon Richardson; granddaughters Abigail, Emily, Anna Richardson; his daughter Rebecca Ruth O'Bryan and husband Timothy "Ty" O'Bryan and his two sisters, Nancy Anne R. Ward, and Almamae R. Girard.

In accordance with his wishes, a private graveside service will be held at a later date on family property in Woodstock. Arrangements are in the care of Chandler Funeral Homes and Cremation Service, 45 Main Street, South Paris.

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I want to thank everyone who sent money, flowers, food, and cards during our loss of "Joe" and also when he was sick. We were so blessed in having so many family members and friends that helped us along the way.

A "BIG" thank you goes out to the Bethel Health Center that was a second home for years. Doctors and staff were nice, caring, kind, and special to us. T and Sharon for all they have done and being available 24-7. Thanks for the plowing, guys!!

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McLaughlin Garden lecture series

The McLaughlin Garden and Homestead announces its 2015 lecture series. The presentations will be held at 103 Main Street, right next door to the garden. The lectures will be held weekly on Wednesdays with the talks beginning at 4 p.m. Come at 3:30 for tea prior to the lectures or visit the gift shop in the McLaughlin house.

Dr. Rick Churchill of Newry will be the opening speaker on Feb. 25. His topic will be the "Fort Williams Arboretum." He has been involved in reclaiming and replanting this Cape Elizabeth waterfront landscape. Dr. Rick, as he is known, is the former chairman of the horticultural program at Southern Maine Community College and well known from People, Places and Plants magazine.

On March 4 Rex Beisel and Craig Cote of Barred Owl Daylilies in Otisfield will illustrate and explain how they landscaped their proper-

ty and made room for hundreds of varieties of daylilies including some that they hybridize themselves. Their lecture title is "Evolution of a Garden."

Scott Vlaun, a market gardener and permaculturist in Otisfield is the speaker on March 11. He is the director of the Center for an Ecology-Based Economy and co-founder of Moose Pond Arts+Ecology in Norway. He is a nationally known photographer and will share some of his work as he discusses "Seed Saving and Community Resilience."

Professor Emeritus Jean Potuchek, now retired to Poland after spending years partially in Maine and partially at Gettysburg College, is rescheduled from last year when a storm during her week's vacation in Maine forced the cancellation of her talk "Garden Blogs: A Virtual Garden Club." She is the author of the blog "Jean's Garden." Her talk is on March 18.

Pat Verrill is known for what she grows at Harvest Moon Produce in West Paris and as a founder of Old Squire Farmers' Market in Norway. On March 25 she will discuss "Growing Vegetables: Varieties and Tips." This is her second time as part of the lecture series.

The final talk in the series will be on April 1 by Jessica Badone, proprietor of Allium Farm in Sumner. Allium farm is a nursery, florist and retailer specializing in sustainable designs for homes and landscapes. Badone's topic will be "Designing with Perennials."

The lectures are open to the public. No prior reservations are needed. There is no charge but donations will be accepted to further the maintenance of the historic garden and buildings.

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